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Dear Editor,

We thank the editors and reviewers of the *BMC cancer* for taking their time to review our re-submitted article entitled: “Protein induced by vitamin K absence or antagonist-II production is a strong predictive marker for extrahepatic metastases in early hepatocellular carcinoma: a prospective evaluation”. We have made some corrections and clarifications in the manuscript after going over the reviewer's comments.

The changes are specified in enclosed summary of changes. We have responded to the your comments and have incorporated all the modifications suggested by the editor into the revised version of the manuscript. We hope the revised manuscript will better meet the requirements of the *BMC cancer* for publication. We thank again for the constructive comments by the reviewers and editors.

Sincerely yours,

Thank you very much for your attention.

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

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Major revisions

1. Affiliations: We have changed the sentence as below in full format including Department, Institute, City, Country as below

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2. Figures:

We make figure 1a,b from two separate pages to one page, which include contains all parts of the figure on a single page

We make figure 2a,b,c,d,e,f from six different pages to one page, which include contains all parts of the figure on a single page.
Minor revisions

Author list: Please place the links to the affiliations in numerical order

Highlighting/tracking: we removed all highlighting and tracking from the manuscript.

Background: we changed the title "Introduction" to "Background"

Tables: We removed the visible vertical lines from your tables

Tables: We removed the tables' titles and legends from within the table cells. Place the titles above and the legends below their respective tables