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Title: Association between metabolic abnormalities and HBV related hepatocellular carcinoma in Chinese: A cross-sectional study

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Hello, Dear Editors:

Thank you for your kindly offering the chance for revising our manuscript again and also we are grateful for the important suggestion for further improving our work!

In the revised manuscript, we had adapted the discussion in accordance with the second reviewer's suggestion. In the next pages of this letter we have answered the reviewer's comment point by point. The language had been polished by an English expert with scientific background. We hope that this revised version is acceptable, and we are looking forward to hearing from you soon!

With best regards!

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Major points:
The Authors have extensively revised the paper and addressed almost all the required revisions. However, a discussion of the reversal causation (i.e., the fact that metabolic abnormalities were consequences of HCC or HBV rather than risk factors for these conditions) is still lacking.

We have modified the discussion according to the suggestion. Similar researches supporting our findings had been cited in the discussion (see discussion paragraph 4). Although we have described several possible mechanisms to explain our finding, the complicated process of dyslipidemia involved in the pathogenesis of HCC has not been clarified up to now. Hence further prospective study should be designed to elucidate the causative or consequent effect or even both causative and consequent effects of dyslipidemia in HBV-related HCC in future study.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being Published

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Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.