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Dear Sir/Madam

COVER LETTER FOR REVISED MANUSCRIPTS

We are glad to submit our revised manuscript titled, “Utility of serum des-gamma-carboxy prothrombin in the diagnosis of hepatocellular carcinoma among Nigerians, a case-control study” to your highly respected journal.

Minor revisions made include mainly the following:

1. The abstract has been separated from the title page.

2. All instances of the expression “Blacks” have been replaced with the terms “the Black population”, “Black patients” or “Black Individuals”.

3. The full name of the IRB that issued the ethical approval has been included.

4. Figure legends have been removed from the figure files and placed at the end of the manuscript, following references.

5. Tables 1 to 5 have been removed from the additional files and placed in the main manuscript after the section References.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

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