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Dear Dr. Magdalena Chechlinska, academic editors of BMC Cancer and reviewers:

This is a revision and resubmission of our manuscript. We have made some modifications in response to the editor's request.

We are grateful for the opportunity to revise our work MS: 5180553861641647 entitled "Upregulation of MicroRNA-19b Predicts Good Prognosis in Patients with Hepatocellular Carcinoma Presenting with Vascular Invasion or Multifocal Diseases" and thank the academic editor and reviewers for the time and effort they took to critique our work and offer suggestions for improving it. We hope that you now find our manuscript suitable for publication in the BMC Cancer.

We look forward to your reply.

Sincerely yours,

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EDITORIAL REQUEST:

1. Please clarify whether the consent obtained was written or verbal

   **Reply:** Thank you for the comments. The informed consent we obtained was written. The manuscript was revised.

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   The present study was approved by the Institutional Review Board of National Cheng Kung University Hospital (ER-99-251). Written informed consent was obtained from all patients.

2. Please include a statement as to whether ethics approval was required for use of any human cell lines

   **Reply:** Thank you for the comments. Ethics approval was not required for the use of the cell lines in our manuscript. These cell lines were obtained from American Type Culture Collection (ATCC®, Manassas, VA, USA) as cell lines, not directly from human samples. We had revised the manuscript.

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   Cell Line Culture
   Human HCC cell line Hep 3B was obtained from American Type Culture Collection (ATCC®, Manassas, VA, USA), was validated in 2014, and was cultured in MEM medium (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA, USA) plus 10% newborn calf serum. Ethics approval was not required.

3. Please replace the authors' names by initials in the Authors' contributions section

   **Reply:** Thank you for the comments. The manuscript was revised based on your suggestion.