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Title: Down-regulation of the tumour suppressor κ-opioid receptor predicts poor prognosis in hepatocellular carcinoma patients

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Rebecca Strong
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Dear Rebecca Strong,

Please let me extend my sincere gratitude for your patient in reviewing this manuscript, and your consideration in publishing it in BMC cancer.

In order to follow your suggestions on editorial changes, the manuscript, titled “Down-regulation of the tumour suppressor κ-opioid receptor predicts poor prognosis in hepatocellular carcinoma patients” has been revised. All changes and answers to your comments are listed below.

Once again, thank you very much for the time and patient that you and all reviewers spent on this manuscript. I look forward to hearing from you.
Sincerely,

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Response to editor’s comments

Thank you for your suggestions.

Editor Comments:

1. Thank you for providing the "Ethics and consent to participate" statement and confirming that consent was obtained for the collection of follow-up data. However, please clarify if consent was obtained from patients to use their tissues in this study.

If the need for informed consent has been waived by an IRB or is deemed unnecessary according to national regulations, please clearly state this, including the name of the Board or a reference to the relevant legislation.

Thanks for your kindly suggestion. We have made changes according to your suggestion. You will find changes in Ethics approval and consent to participate section, line 6-9, page 19.

2. Please rename "Materials and Methods" to "Methods".

We have made changes according to your suggestion. You will find changes in Methods section.