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Dear Editor:

I, along with my coauthor, would like to submit the attached revised manuscript entitled “Comparison of biannual ultrasonography and annual non-contrast liver magnetic resonance
imaging as surveillance tools for hepatocellular carcinoma in patients with liver cirrhosis (MAGNUS-HCC): a study protocol (BCAN-D-17-01257R1)".

We would like to thank you and the reviewers for a careful review of and useful comments on our manuscript. The manuscript has been carefully rechecked, and appropriate changes have been made in accordance with the reviewers’ comments. The responses to the reviewers’ comments have also been prepared. We hope that our work meets the high standards of BMC Cancer and will be of interest to its readers.

I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Kyung Ah Kim

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3) In the "Ethics approval and consent to participate" section, please name the six institutional review boards that approved this study. Please also indicate whether the informed consent obtained from human participants was written or verbal; if verbal, please indicate the reason for obtaining verbal rather than written consent.
We named the six institutional review boards that approved this study as follows: the ethical committee of Seoul St. Mary’s Hospital, The Catholic University of Korea, the ethical committee of St. Vincent’s Hospital, The Catholic University of Korea, the ethical committee of Uijeongbu St. Mary’s Hospital, The Catholic University of Korea, the ethical committee of Seoul National University Hospital, the ethical committee of Samsung Medical Center and the ethical committee of Korea University Guro Hospital.

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