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Title: Elevated levels of circulating ITIH4 are associated with hepatocellular carcinoma with nonalcoholic fatty liver disease: From pig model to human study

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Dear Editors: Dr. Catherine Rice

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We would like to extend our sincere thanks for the opportunity to revise our manuscript entitled “Elevated levels of circulating ITIH4 are associated with hepatocellular carcinoma with nonalcoholic fatty liver disease: From pig model to human study” by Nakamura et al. (BCAN-D-19-00994). Here we revised the manuscript according to your comments and advices. Thanks to your insightful comments, we believe that the revised manuscript has benefitted substantially. We hope you will find our manuscript be suitable for publication in your journal.

Sincerely,

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1 - Please include a Conclusions heading for the Conclusions section.

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Thank you very much your advice. We included a Conclusions heading for the Conclusions section in the revised manuscript (Line 14, Page 30).

2 - For all research involving human subjects, informed consent to participate in the study should be obtained from participants (or their parent or guardian in the case of children under 16) and a statement to this effect should appear in the ‘Ethics approval and consent to participate’ section of the Declarations including whether the consent was written. When reporting on such studies,
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Thank you very much for your comments. We have obtained informed consent from the participants in this study. This is described in the ‘Ethics approval and consent to participate’ section of the Declarations (Line 6, Page 32).

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