Dear editor,

Thank you for your reply regarding my submission and please find my replies to the valuable comments of the reviewers

Response to reviewers comments:

Reviewer 1 (NH)

All comments were reviewed and corrected in the revised manuscript and marked in red

Reviewer 2 (ASH)

All comments were reviewed and corrected in the revised manuscript and marked in red

-Regarding the title, I agree that your proposed title might be more accurate, however, changing the title after obtaining an IRB approval with the current title isn’t possible in our ethical committee board.

-The statistical analysis was done using SPSS not STATA and it was corrected in the revision

-(Finally elastography is not a diagnosis of HCC, but a potential method to pay attention for patients with higher kPa values to be closely followed up to pick up HCC early with shorter intervals of follow up):

I agree with you and that was the aim of our study

Reviewer 3 (AF)

All comments were reviewed and corrected in the revised manuscript and marked in red