

ANSWERS TO REVIEWERS



May 9, 2014

Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 10287_Revised Manuscript_Sun et al. Hepatitis B & C in China.docx).

Title: Clinical characteristics and current management of hepatitis B and C in China

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ESPS Manuscript NO: 10287

The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of the reviewers and the editor's comments appearing in the edited manuscript that was returned to us.

Our responses to the various comments are as follows:

A. Editor's comments:

The format of the manuscript has been amended and, where necessary, updated.

Responses to specific comments:

1. Dear author. For manuscripts submitted by non-native speakers of English, please provided language certificate by professional English language editing companies

mentioned in 'The Revision Policies of BPG for Brief Article'.

Response: In resubmitting the manuscript for your further consideration, we attest that English language editing has been undertaken by an experienced, English-speaking medical editor who works with Content Ed Net, Shanghai Co. Ltd, and we are confident that the language of the manuscript attains your Grade A level.

2. For the Columns of this manuscript, we make it as Brief Article temporarily. Please determine the Columns of this manuscript according to the attached file "ESPS-Columns scope note" (e.g., Evidence-Based Medicine, Case Control Study, Retrospective Study, Clinical Trials Study, Observational Study, Prospective Study, Randomized Controlled Trial, Randomized Clinical Trial, and Systematic Reviews, etc).

Response: In accordance with the ESPS-Columns Scope Note, we have inserted the classification "Observational Study" on the title page.

Note: So that the title of the paper conforms with your limit of 12 words, the original subtitle ("an outpatient observational study") has now been deleted.

3. Please reformat all the reference numbers like this [superior numbers]. Please check throughout. Thank you!

Response: This has been done throughout the manuscript.

4. Please write the COMMENTS section at here. See the format in the attachment file-revision policies (Highlighted contents).

Response: This has been done (see text added on pages 19 and 20 of the revised manuscript).

Note: As regards the "Terminology" section, we do not consider that any of the terms used in the article are specific, unique terms that will not be familiar to the majority of readers. Consequently, we have deleted "Terminology" from this discussion.

As regards the "Peer review" section, we have added the only usable comment for

this section made by one of your reviewers (Reviewer No. 01804246).

5. Please add PubMed citation numbers and DOI citation to the reference list and list all authors. Please revise throughout. The author should provide the first page of the paper without PMID and DOI.

PMID (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?db=PubMed>)

DOI (<http://www.crossref.org/SimpleTextQuery/>) (Please begin with DOI: 10.**)

For those references that have not been indexed by PubMed, a printed copy of the first page of the full reference should be submitted.

Response: The references all follow the specified format for *World Journal of Gastroenterology*. PMID numbers appear for all references indexed in PubMed, along with DOI citations for those for which this identifier is provided in PubMed.

Note: PMID numbers have not been inserted for references 1 and 2, which are internet references (to World Health Organization websites). Also, PMID numbers were not available for references 8 and 11, which are from journals not indexed by PubMed. For both of these references, the first pages are attached as separate files.

B. Comments from Reviewer No. 01804246

Comment: This is an interesting study with a large cohort of patients! Minor revision is needed (see in text). The discussion section has to be reformulated, to be more scientific and not only descriptive! The conclusions are too long. See the proposal! [*Conclusion:* Minor revision]

Response: The Discussion section has been shortened by deleting some descriptive statements, thereby improving the ratio of scientific to descriptive text, while still focusing on the key findings of the study and emphasizing the need for improvements to be made to align clinical practice in China more closely with current treatment guidelines for HBV and HCV infections. In addition, the Conclusion has also been shortened by deleting information already adequately stated elsewhere in the text.

C. Comments from Reviewer No. 01799726

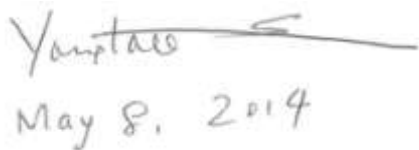
Comment: Spaces should be lies between neighboring words, for example, in the line 4 of

page 5, “conductedfrom August to....” should be “conducted from August to....”. There are many such errs in the manuscript.

Response: We are uncertain what this comment refers to as the spacing between words had all been checked in the originally submitted manuscript, and errors do not appear in the edited manuscript that was returned to us. Nevertheless, the revised manuscript has been rechecked to ensure that the word spacing is correct and also to eliminate any grammatical inconsistencies.

Thank you again for considering our manuscript for publication in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Yongtao Sun', followed by a horizontal line. Below the signature, the date 'May 8, 2014' is handwritten.

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