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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (**file number: 11227-edited**).

Title: Simeprevir with Peginterferon and Ribavirin induced interstitial pneumonitis: First case report

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

Reviewer 1

(1) Good case report. Well written. (2) Simeprevir is unlikely to be the direct causative agent of the lung complication described and it would be wrong to attribute the complication to Simeprevir. It is most likely that IFN caused the interstitial pneumonitis in a patient who just happened to be on triple therapy.

We appreciate the reviewer's comments. We agree that IFN is most likely that caused the interstitial pneumonitis.

(3) Previously published similar case reports have better discussion section including literature review.

There is no case report of interstitial pneumonitis with direct-acting antivirals (DAAs) with PEG-IFN and RBV in the world.

Reviewer 2

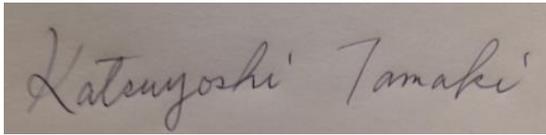
We added the sentence, in Discussion Page 10, line 15 to line 17. "In addition, clinically relevant drug-drug interactions between PEG-IFN alfa-2a (40KD) and agents metabolized via the hepatic P450 system are unlikely to occur."

We added the sentence, in Discussion Page 11, line 4 to 7," The fact that reports of pneumonitis associated with RBV monotherapy and simeprevir monotherapy have not been published till date enhances the probability of interstitial pneumonitis induced by PEG-IFN in the present case.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

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