

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format.

Title: Insulin resistance and steatosis in HBV-HCV co-infected patients: role of PNPLA3 polymorphisms and impact on liver fibrosis progression

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

1 The new version has been updated and all changes in the manuscript are highlighted .

We thank a lot the reviewers for their comments and suggestions that certainly have improved our manuscript.

A point-by-point replay to the reviewers' comments is provided:

Reviewer 1:

Thank you very much for your comments and suggestions.

- Patients section. "all the patients are Caucasian?" It has been added in the text that all patients are Caucasian.
- Methods. "the echogenic study of the liver, to detect steatosis with a score (i.e. Hamagouchi score) was made?" Steatosis was not evaluated on the bases of echography, but on the bases of liver histology, as explained in the Liver Histology paragraph.
- "revise the use of the acronyms in the text (i.e. insulin-resistance)". The use of the acronyms in the text has been revised.
- "revise the references section, and report all references with the same style." the references style have been revised.

Reviewer 2:

Thank you very much for your comments and suggestions.

- "What was the source of infection?" Source of infection was not known in most of patients. We know that some patients had received blood transfusion, some surgery;

some had history of familiar infection and some of drug abuse. A phrase about sources of infection has been added in patients' section.

- "Any comorbid disease?" No specific co-morbidities have been identifying.
 - "Abstract: PNPLA3 gene polymorphisms.....elaborate!!! HBV-HCV co-infection.....elaborate!!!" In the abstract PNPLA3 and HBV-HCV co-infection have been extensively explained.
 - "INTRODUCTION: All references written as [1 2 3] must be placed before the full stop." The references numbers have been posed before full stop.
 - "PATIENTS AND METHODS: All blood samples were withdraw at the time of All blood samples were withdrawn at the time of Serum insulin and HOMA-IR.....Elaborate!!! The correction has been done.
 - "using HCV genotype assay Lipa.....Elaborate!!! ?" An HCV genotype test has been specified.
 - "DISCUSSION: not permit to drawn conclusion..... not permit to draw conclusion. The correction has been made
- Thanks again for comments

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3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,



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