

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 12400-review.doc).

Title: Autoimmune hepatitis in a patient infected by HIV-1 and under highly active antiretroviral treatment: case report and literature review

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

1 Format has been updated according to the writing requirements for case reports and editor suggestions.

- a) The abstract was converted an informative, unstructured abstracts of no less than 150;

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

First reviewer (n° 0008590):

- a) Nothing was pointed out. Thank you very much for the good appreciation.

Second reviewer (n° 00038979):

- a) I was not trying to imple that there is a connection between HIV-1 infection and autoimmune hepatitis. On the contrary, the case focus the fact that autoimmune hepatitis is rarely diagnosed in HIV-1 patients because it is not considered as a posible diagnosis since liver changes are constantly attributed in these patients to other liver diseases and medication related hepatotoxicity. Also, is thought that immunodepressed patients have less frequently autoimmune reactions, another reason to not consider autoimmune hepatitis as a diagnostic.
- b) Of course that a case series would be very informative. Thank you for the good idea.

Third reviewer (n° 00506601):

- a) I have changed the word "overlooked" to "considered" in order to better understanding: "usually HIV-infection is considered has being protective against autoimmunity" (page of discussion, second paragraph). Is thought that immunodepressed patients might not have so frequently autoimmune reactions and so its state is considered as "protective" against the development of autoimmune diseases.

3 References and typesetting were corrected according to the suggestions of the editor and reviewers.

- a) PubMed citation numbers for the reference list, e.g. PMID and DOI, were included. All references have PMID but DOI was included when possible because in some of the references it wasn't retrieved by <http://www.crossref.org/SimpleTextQuery/>. It happen in 17 references. The references numbers are: 2, 3, 7.
- b) All the references were reviewed in order to find some spelling or form mistakes.

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

Sincerely yours,

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