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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 15526-review.doc).

Title: The Clinical Relevance of Hepatitis B Virus Variants

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The manuscript has been revised according to the suggestions of reviewers. Thank you for your feedback, we agree this will make our paper a more valuable contribution to the literature. All changes have been highlighted in the revised document.

1. The PMID and/or DOI numbers have been added to all references.
2. The manuscript has been revised according to the suggestions of the reviewer
 - A running title, key words, summary, and core tips have been added to the manuscript (see pages 1 and 3).
 - The format of all the references has been modified according to the journal policy.
 - We have added content on the YMDD motif in (Section 5.4.)
 - We added information on the impact of HBx on NF-kappa B signaling pathway (Section 5.6).

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Carla S. Coffin'.

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