

Response TO REVIEWERS' COMMENTS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 16317-Review.docx).

Title: Reversibility and Heritability of Liver Fibrosis: Implications for Research and Therapy

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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

(1) Reviewer 02445121: No comments

(2) Reviewer 00051373: No comments

(3) Reviewer 02444959

Comments: "Please, do not just mention the table in the text, describe in detail the studies reviewed in table 1 and briefly summarize the information of table 3. Please, mention table 2 in the corresponding section of the text. There some typographic errors through the manuscript that require attention."

Response:

- Studies reviewed in table 1 has been described in more detail (page 7, lines 7 to 14)
- The information of table 3 is summarized (page 10, lines 3 to 27).
- Table 2 is added in the text in page 8, line 23.
- The manuscript has been reviewed and typographic errors have been corrected.

(4) Reviewer 02444986

Comments: "I recommended that the table 1 and 2 should be omitted and data should be explained within the text. miRNA especially 122 and 155 are hot topics and should be discussed more from point of fibrosis. "Bandiera s, et al. miR122 - A key factor and therapeutic target in liver disease" Journal of Hepatology 2015 vol. 62; 448-457."

Response:

- Data in tables 1 and 2 has been explained in the text (page 7, lines 7 to 14 and page 8 line 22 to page 9 line 2, respectively). Footnotes in table 1 and table 3 were also added to the text and the footnotes were deleted. Tables 1 and Table 2 are not deleted, however, because they represent a good summary for the busy reader and also because reviewer 3 recommended keeping these tables.
- Both miR-122 and miR-155 are discussed in the text (page 10, line 13 to line 27).
- Role of miR-155 is added to Table 3.

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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