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Dear Editor,

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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:

We thank the reviewers and accordingly, we made changes highlighted in green based on advice of Reviewer 02748112 (one of the four reviewers asking for some changes).

Here we address the comments and respond:

(1) The reviewer asked to add an introductory paragraph, and based on advice, we added the paragraph.

(2) The sentence starting with "Ethanol-induced hepatocyte steatosis..." moved to initiate a new paragraph last paragraph page 5.

(3) The term "hepatic damage" changed to "liver pathology" based on advice of reviewer.

(4) The sentences: However, autophagic signaling in stellate cells could be relatively innocuous compared to those in hepatocytes, simply because the hepatocytes make up the bulk of the parenchyma and comprise the main functional element in the liver. Hence, the pro-survival signaling in hepatocytes predominates. Selective pharmacological stimulation of autophagy in hepatocytes may be of therapeutic importance in alcoholic liver disease; were added to first paragraph in page 6 based on advice of reviewer.

(5) The review by van Golen et al. (Free Radic Biol Med. 2012 Apr 15; 52(8): 1382-402) and other reference (references 12 and 13 in references section) were added. In addition, a new paragraph referring to the role of endothelial cells in ethanol-induced damage was added (last paragraph in text).

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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