

## ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 16683-review.doc).

**Title:** REVIEW OF A CHALLENGING CLINICAL ISSUE: INTRAHEPATIC CHOLESTASIS OF PREGNANCY

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**Name of Journal:** *World Journal of Gastroenterology*

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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

## ANSWERS TO CRITICISMS OF THE REVIEWERS

1. **Reviewer I** stated that the article covered the indicated area since now, was a comprehensive review that was well-written and presented. The review focused on the current concepts regarding the diagnosis and management of intrahepatic cholestasis of pregnancy. There is no recommended correction to do.
2. **Reviewer II** stated that the entire review contained only one literature (Reference #61) that was published in 2014 and 4 others which were published in 2013. The reviewer stated that we should have reviewed the most recent published literature and included those in the paper, the reviewer also recommended us not to use the term of "A 2014 Update " in the title. A more detailed information regarding the genetic/mutational factors considered and presented in the etiopathogenesis of ICP was recommended to be added to the text. The reviewer recommended to give the the full name of UDCA in the abstract for the first time use and correct the other grammatical errors in the

**text.** A new medline research is carried out to find the most recent literature data regarding ICP and add to the text in accordance to the recommendations of the reviewer. The title is changed as " REVIEW OF A CHALLENGING CLINICAL ISSUE: INTRAHEPATIC CHOLESTASIS OF PREGNANCY" instead of "A 2014 Update". A more detailed information about genetic etiopathogenesis of ICP is added to the text. UDCA is written with the full name in the abstract for the first time use and the entire text is reviewed with respect to the grammatical errors as the reviewer has mentioned.

3. **Reviewer III stated that we should review the article in terms of English style and the reference writing rules of the journal (For the references #57-59).** The article is reviewed with respect to the mentioned issues and the recommended corrections are done.
4. **Reviewer IV stated that although we tried to provide an overview of the current concepts about ICP and present an update based on the recent literature data, we did present less novel ideas and advances in this issue in comparison with the other literature data listed in the references section. Moreover, the reviewer stated that the reference list did not include the literature of the last 3 years and our review did not reflect much actual meaning of "update".** A new medline research is carried out to find the the most recent literature data regarding ICP and add to the text in accordance to the recommendations of the reviewer. The present article has not been originally designed as a research article investigating about a novel diagnostic and therapeutic option regarding ICP and claiming or suggesting a potential innovation in this issue or a paper involving the guidelines of a national or international committee. Since this article has been just designed as a review article summarising the literature data and overviewing the recent clinical applications in this clinical issue thus providing an evidence-based practical guide

for clinicians, the criticisms and the expectations of the reviewer are beyond the aim and scope of the present paper.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Orhan Veli Ozkan', on a light green background.

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