

## Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Prof. Fang-Fang Ji,  
Science Editor, Editorial Office;



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 17683-review.doc).

**Title:** Alpha-fetoprotein before and after pegylated interferon therapy for predicting hepatocellular carcinoma development. Retrospective study

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We are resubmitting this manuscript to World Journal of hepatology after carefully considering the suggestions made by the reviewers and the editors. Major changes we have made are as follows:

Reply for the comments by Reviewer 1

1. All the language revisions were done according to the suggestions by Reviewer 1

Reply for the comments by Reviewer 2

2. The language revisions were done.
3. We have not had enough AFP data for the patients who received oral antiviral therapy with direct antiviral agents. The sentence that future study might be needed to analyze the development of HCC for CHC patients with oral antiviral therapy with direct antiviral agents, and compare with patients in this study was added in the discussion.

These changes have addressed all the critiques of the reviewers. We appreciate the helpful suggestions offered by the reviewers and the editors. I hope you now find that this manuscript is suitable for publication.

Sincerely yours,

Yasuto Takeuchi