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Dr. Fang Fang Ji, Science Editor, Editorial Office  
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Dear Dr. Fang Fang Ji:

We would like to submit our revised manuscript, entitled **“Ribavirin contributes to eradicate HCV through polarization of T helper1/2 cell balance into Th1 dominance.”** by Katsuhisa Nakatsuka, Masanori Atsukawa, Masumi Shimizu, Hidemi Takahashi, and Chiaki Kawamoto for consideration for publication as a review article in *World journal of Hepatology*. This manuscript was submitted on April 2015, and we received a letter as revision on August 2015. We re-wrote the manuscript according to the editor's comment except for the request for Audio Core Tip because our PC system could not create such audio file. All alterations are underlined / highlighted in the manuscript. The re-written manuscript confirmed the immunological feature of ribavirin to polarize T-helper 1/2 cell balance into Th1 dominance in relation with modulation of both co-stimulatory signaling and activity of T-regulatory cells. The T<sub>H</sub>1 cell dominance induced by ribavirin may contribute to continuous eradication of hepatitis C virus in human hepatocytes in combination with pegylated interferon- $\alpha$  and protease inhibitors, and also contribute to protect hepatocarcinogenesis via up-regulating cancer immunological surveillance. We believe that this manuscript will be of interest to many

readers of *World Journal of Hepatology* and we thank you for your consideration of it for publication.

Sincerely yours,

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