

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you very much for the review of our article submitted for publication in World Journal of Gastroenterology. Please find enclosed the revised version of our manuscript. For your convenience all changes are highlighted in yellow.

**Title:** Ombitasvir/paritaprevir/ritonavir, dasabuvir and ribavirin in cirrhosis after complete destruction of hepatocellular carcinoma

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The manuscript has been updated according to the suggestions of reviewers.

Authors agree that it would be interesting for the readers to present data of post-treatment follow-up period longer than 12 weeks, although the current standard for assessment of sustained response after IFN-free antiviral therapy is 12 weeks. The last is postulated in the current EASL and AASLD clinical practice guidelines. SVR-12 is also accepted from FDA and EMA and only SVR-12 was presented in all recently published phase-II/III studies with ombitasvir/paritaprevir/ritonavir, dasabuvir and ribavirin. Nevertheless, we continued to follow-up our cases beyond week-12. In mid of Oct-2015 results of 24-month follow-ups are available and we have included them in the revised manuscript according to the suggestions of the reviewer (No 12386).

The text was revised according to the comments and suggestions of the scientific editor and the following changes were made:

- All abbreviations in the manuscript title were removed and minor wording changes were added to fit in 12 words.
- Author contributions – author family names were putted first.
- New text was added in the “Supported by” and “Institutional review board statement ” sections.
- Conflict of interest – text was simplified.
- Abstract -all abbreviations were defined and minor wording changes were made to fit in 150 words.
- Key words – abbreviations were corrected.
- Citation section was corrected - the new manuscript title was added.
- Abbreviations in the whole manuscript were reviewed and defined when they appeared for the first time.
- Comments section was added before references.
- All abbreviations used in the tables were listed and explained below them
- Spelling and grammar corrections were added by an Assoc. Professor in Philology /Linguistics – English/ at the Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” who is contributing as an expert in English language editing in the local Medical Journal.

We would like to thank you in advance for your continuous efforts in the review of our manuscript during the further processing steps.

Sincerely yours,

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