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Jin-Lei Wang, Director, Editorial Office

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Dear Prof. Wang,

Please find enclosed the revised Editorial manuscript in Word format (file name: 25989-Editorial Tajiri.doc).

Title: A new horizon for radical cure of chronic hepatitis B virus infection

Author: Kazuto Tajiri, Yukihiro Shimizu

Name of Journal: *World Journal of Hepatology*

ESPS Manuscript NO: 25989

The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers and the revised portions are now underlined:

Answer to reviewers

Reviewer # 1

Thank you for your comment.

Reviewer # 2

- 1) We have checked those new references and added them to our manuscript.
- 2) We have added the discussion about the possible effect of IFN- α through the action of APOBEC3 (page 10).

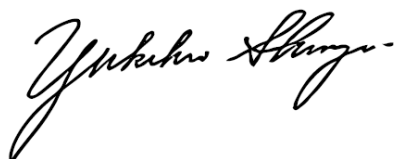
Reviewer # 3

- 1, 2) We have changed the Fig. 1 and sentences on the HBV replication cycle concerning HBV entry to nucleus as rcDNA (page 5).
- 3) We have added the sentences on the role of HBV entry inhibitor, Myrcludex B (page 18).
- 4) We have added sentences on the difficulties in quantification of cccDNA in the Introduction section as the reviewer's suggestion (page 4).
- 5) We have added the reference by Lang et al. and discussed on the role of HBeAg in the modulation of the TLR signaling pathway as a mechanism of innate immune impairment (page 10).
- 6) We have changed the title of our manuscript according to the reviewer's suggestion.

- 7) We have corrected the sentence according to the reviewer's suggestion (page 12).
- 8) We have corrected the company name of Gilead Sciences (page 16).

I hope that the revised manuscript can be acceptable to the reviewers and the Editor.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yukihiro Shimizu'.

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