

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: paper bautista Mayo.doc).

Title: Effect of Dichloromethylene diphosphonate (DMDP) on liver regeneration following thioacetamide-induced necrosis in rats.

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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

First Review

1. Abstract: It should be mentioned that DMDP is a selective Kupffer cell toxicant, and under Methods, line 2, after TA, 6.6 mmol is unclear. R: Corrected
2. Under result, some actual values should be given as means and SD including P value. R: Corrected.
3. Introduction should be shortened; same details reappear in the Discussion section. At the end of the introduction, details are mentioned of the methods used, this should be deleted here. R: Corrected
4. Materials and Methods, page 6, line 9 from bottom: Untreated animals received 0.5 ml of 0.9% NaCl, was this as encapsulated liposomes? R: No, but in the results section, already mentioned the group that just received empty liposomes: "No effects were detected on serum activities when empty liposomes were administered (data not shown)."
5. Page 9, top, increase in AST, was this in the serum? R: Yes.
6. Discussion should be shortened, it is repetitive. Start with your most important finding, then discuss. Then go to your other findings, and discuss. R: Corrected.
7. Table 1: SD values and p values are missing. R: Corrected

Second Reviewer

1. English writing should be improved. R: Corrected
2. In discussion part, the authors mentioned that the effect of DMDP on TA hepatotoxicity can be explained by the blocking Kupffer-cell function or the inhibiting TA biotransformation. More supported findings or literatures should be provided for such a statement. R: Corrected
3. The authors should refine the discussion section, particularly for the discussion on the cause of elevated serum TNF- α in DMDP treated group. R: Corrected
4. In table 1, the SD and p values are missing. R: Corrected

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

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