

As corresponding author, I confirm that in the study object of the manuscript with title "Characterization of Hepatitis B Virus X Gene Quasispecies Complexity in Monoinfection and Hepatitis Delta Virus Superinfection" (submission number 45308, World Journal Gastroenterology), no animal models were used.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Taberero", written over a large, stylized, loopy flourish that resembles a large letter 'D' or a similar symbol.

Sincerely,

Dr. David Taberero