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The Editor,
World Journal of Hepatology,
7041 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 160,
Pleasanton, CA 94566

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the opportunity to revise our submission “Reduction in 30-day readmissions for cirrhotic patients with ascites after an educational intervention: a pilot study” for publication in the World Journal of Hepatology.

We have thank the reviewers for their comments and have addressed them as follows:

Reviewer 1

1. The abstract has been revised into the format required by the World Journal of Hepatology.
2. The language in the manuscript has been revised for simplicity particularly in the Introduction as noted. The manuscript has been reviewed and approved by two native English speakers at our institution.
3. The language in the background has been revised. The objective of the study has been inserted as suggested.
4. The University of Minnesota Medical Center has a large academic hospitalist division which has traditionally provided care to cirrhotic patients admitted to hospital. This is a care model followed by several other high volume liver transplant centers in the United States. The manuscript has been amended to reflect that this model of care is common in other similar-sized liver transplant centers in the United States.
5. The text in the “Length of Stay” subsection of the Results has been edited for clarity.
6. Abbreviations have been inserted into each table as necessary.

Reviewer 2

1. See comment 2. above. If further revision of the language is required, please highlight the specific parts of the text and we will gladly attend to it.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Yours sincerely,
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