

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 5030-review.doc).

Title: Effects of pentoxifylline on nonalcoholic fatty liver disease: A meta-analysis

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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

1). The small number of studies and patients included. This fact cannot be helped as there are limited studies from which to draw data. However, it would give the reader a better understanding of the number of patients used in each calculation of odds ratio / efficacy of intervention if that number was included for each factor studied. Although there were a total of 183 patients studied that was not the number for the calculations for each factor as not all studies included all the patients.

I have perfect the table 1 and add the ratio of placebo/UDCA

2). The results section is cumbersome and difficult to read. There are too many abbreviations and too many numbers packed together. As an example, in the section that addresses TC, TG, AKP, and GGT, the results should be given for each variable immediately following, not all together, E.g., TC (WMD.....), TG (WMD...), etc.

I have changed the abbreviations and made the numbers one by one

3). The figures need to be just figures, all the number data has already been presented.

4). The number of articles in the text section of the Results (167) does not match the number in the figure (183); also, the number of manuscripts not used for reasons in the first box is not stated.

I mixed the number and fixed it.

5). There need to be significant editing on the grammar and spelling.

6). Try to refrain from using author's names in the text.

It has been changed

7). You do not need to acknowledge the authors and co-authors; acknowledgement is typically for individuals that helped with the manuscript that are not cited as authors.

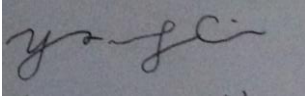
8). The more important section of the manuscript, the results section, is too confuse and difficult to read. The figures are confuse. The authors could reduce the number of figures and do 2-3 figures with all variables. Also, there need to be significant editing on the grammar and spelling.

I have made the figures into 4 parts and it will be easy to read

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

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