

To whom it may concern,

I hereby confirm that I, Anne Murray, freelance medical translator and author's editor, have revised the modifications made to the manuscript entitled "Conservation and variability of Hepatitis B Core gene in chronic patients at different clinical stages: A deep sequencing approach" currently under review for submission to *World Journal of Gastroenterology*. I am a native speaker of English with a Degree in Translation from Dublin City University in Ireland and a Foundation Certificate in Medical Writing from the European Medical Writers' Association. I was on the founding board of the Mediterranean Editors and Translators association (MET), on which I served for 13 years. MET is a not-for-profit association that offers training and support to language professionals working with many types of clients, including researchers/authors in the biomedical field. I run two workshops for MET, one in medical translation and another in corpus work, both focused on research articles for publication. I have 15 years' experience translating and revising research articles and am a member of two teams that produce monthly translations of articles for two Spanish bilingual journals: *Actas Dermo-Sifiliográficas* and *Revista Española de Cardiología*. In the first case, I am also a team coordinator.

The authors have confirmed that the linguistic and stylistic edits I introduced have not altered the substantive content of their manuscript or any of the ideas they wished to express.

Yours faithfully,



Anne Murray