

World Journal of Hepatology

Editorial Office

Dear Sir:

I am sending herewith our revised manuscript “Effectiveness of entecavir to prevent HCC development is genotype dependent in HBV-associated liver cirrhosis” , to be considered in your esteemed Journal “World Journal of Hepatology” .

It is known that nucleos(t)ide analogue, entecavir (ETV) treatment reduces the incidence of HCC. However, on surveying published reports, the treatment effect on preventing HCC was quite different in various regions of the world.

In this study, we examined the reduction rate of HCC development in various countries of the world, and, furthermore, we surveyed the possible reasons for these differences. We examined the relationships between the reduction of HCC development and initial HBV-DNA levels, prevalence of HBV in these regions, and HBV genotypes. And finally, we found that these differences in reducing HCC development were dependent on the genotypes of HB viruses.

We have made strenuous effort to improve the manuscript according to the suggestion of the reviewer and science editor. We hope that the manuscript is satisfactory to your high academic standard at this time.

We hope that this manuscript meets the high standard of your esteemed journal “World Journal of Hepatology” .

Thank you very much in advance.

Sincerely yours.

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Reply to the reviewers:

Reviewer 1:

According to the kind advice of the reviewer, our paper was proof readed and checked by native-English Speaker for grammar, sentence structure, word usage, spelling, capitaligation, punctuation.

Science editor:

Regretably, there is no self-citations. We added the signed Copyright Licence Agreement and Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Form.

According to the advice of science editor, we checked and rephrase these repeated sentences (5 line from the bottom in “Results” various regions → various countries; 4 line from the head in “Discussion” various regions of → many countries; in 5 line from the bottom in “Discussion” , various regions → various places; At the end of “Discussion” various regions → many district.

- (1) The study was supported by Kanagawa Association of Medical and Dental Practitioners. We uploaded funding agency copy of approval documents.
- (2) We changed the table to editable table.
- (3) We wrote and added “article highlight” section.
- (4) The author in the reference was numbered in Arabic numerals. The reference number is superscripted in square brackets at the end of the sentence or cited author's name with no spaces.