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Dear Editor,
thank you for your letter and the possibility of resubmitting our revised manuscript titled "Hepatotropic viruses: is Roma population at risk?" for consideration for publication in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

We have revised the manuscript according to the reviewers and editors comments.

Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade A (Excellent) Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing) Conclusion: Accept (High priority) Specific Comments to Authors: The WHO in their quest to reduce the prevalence, morbidity, and mortality of viral hepatitis must tailor their efforts in specific geographical areas. The ROMA's will require challenging programs. Often the quality of life is ghetto-like and there is a lack of motivation by many of the inhabitants to change. There must be government and WHO commitment to provide funds, personnel, equipment, vaccines and therapy. It will be difficult to change life style, tradition and motivation. A strong educational component that might include ROMA's from countries where they live and have a higher socioeconomic status. Ideally point of care testing should be utilized in the most difficult areas with a test and treat one stop approach.

We thank the reviewer for the comment.

1 Science editor: Scientific quality: The authors should provide the signed Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Form and Copyright License Agreement. Issues raised: The authors did not provide original pictures. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor.

(2) Editorial office director: I have checked the comments written by the science editor.

(3) Company editor-in-chief: I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, the full text of the manuscript, the relevant ethics documents, and the English Language Certificate, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office's comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors.

We have revised the manuscript according to the science editor comment and provided the original figure in the PowerPoint, which can be reprocessed.

We are grateful to the reviewer and the editors for their comments.

Thank you again for the privilege of submitting our work to *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely,
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