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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 6864-review.doc).

Title: Anti-tubercular therapy in patients with cirrhosis: Challenges and options

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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 statement that 33% of the world's population, along with 50% of adults in India and Africa is pretty attention grabbing. However, the reference that you provide (WHO 2011), is difficult to verify.
- (2) Your introduction paragraph spends too much on describing TB in general, with the last sentence only talking about cirrhotics. Your introduction should be more about introducing the reader to what your paper is about, so please modify accordingly.
- (3) In the second section (CIDS), second paragraph, you start off by saying what Toll-like receptors can do. Would like to see a sentence describing what TLRs are and on what cells they are found on.
- (4) In the section ATT in cirrhotics - challenges, first para, you refer to WHO guidelines again, but give no reference number.
- (5) In the section "Liver Transplantation", you reference that rifampin should not be used, based on your reference. That is not really what the reference says, and considering that was a case report, is not necessarily standard of care. Would be better to state that recipients should be monitored for drug

interactions if rifampin is used, or switch to rifabutin, like the references states.

- (6) You mention that cirrhotics may have a higher incidence of extra-pulmonary manifestations. Is there a difference in treatment protocols based on pulm TB vs. extra pulm TB? If so, would be nice to have a para on this.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

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