

Editor-in-Chief

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Dear Profs. Subrata Ghosh and Andrzej S Tarnawski,

RE: Revised manuscript NO 49124

Thank you very much for allowing us to submit the revised article entitled 'Exploring the hepatitis C virus genome using single molecule real-time sequencing.' to be considered for publication in *World Journal of Gastroenterology*. We believe that the revision following valuable criticisms raised by the editor and reviewers improved our paper. A point-by-point description of our modifications to the revised manuscript is attached.

We hope that you will now consider our work acceptable for publication in *World Journal of Gastroenterology*

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Sincerely yours,

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Response to the editor and reviewers,

We thank the editor and reviewers for the thoughtful comments, which have allowed us to improve the manuscript. We addressed the editor's comments through the following changes to the manuscript.

1. *Similar sentences with other articles (highlighted in the 49124-CrossCheck Report), please rephrase these sentences.*

Response: We rephrased the highlighted sentences.

2. *A short running title should be no more than 6 words*

Response: We have made changes as follows;

Before; Genetic analysis on hepatitis C viruses by SMRT sequencing

Corrected; Exploring HCV genome by SMRT sequencing

3. *Please offer the audio core tip*

Response: We uploaded the audio core tip file to the web submission system.

4. *The reference numbers will be superscripted in square brackets at the end of the sentence with the citation content or after the cited author's name, with no spaces.*

Response: We corrected all reference numbers.

5. *Please don't include abbreviations in the title of the figure/table.*

Response: We corrected the title of the figure.

6. *Please provide the decomposable figure of figures, whose parts are all movable and editable, organize them into a PowerPoint file, and submit as "Manuscript No. - Figures.ppt" on the system, we need to edit the words in the figures. All submitted figures, including the text contained within the figures, must be editable. Please provide the text in your figure(s) in text boxes.*

Response: Done