

RE: Response to the reviewers
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Dear Dr Ji,

I am writing regarding the resubmission of the editorial letter entitled: The role NKG2D-ligand interactions in Hepatitis B infection

I am grateful for the helpful suggestions from the reviewers and thank you for your editorial input. I have addressed all the points raised from the reviewers and marked them in red throughout the resubmitted manuscript. Please, find my responses to the reviewers below.

I accept responsibility for the contents of the amended manuscript. Please find attached the conflict of interest, copyright assignment forms and the audio file of the summary. Please, let me know if I need to change any of these documents.

I am looking forward to receiving your comments as to the suitability of this article for publication in the World Journal of Hepatology and I am happy to make any further changes to the manuscript if required.

Yours sincerely,



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To the editor:

Journal Style Requirements:

I adjusted the headings and format of reference style according to the requirements of the World Journal of Hepatology.

To the reviewers:

Thank you very much for your valuable comments and suggestions. Please find below my point-to-point responses.

Response to Reviewer # 7114,

Q. The authors state that NKG2D-ligands are expressed on diseased or stressed cells, and numerous stress pathways induce their up-regulation, including viral and bacterial infection, cellular transformation, oxidative or genotoxic stress. This is correct. Therefore, the paper by Kahraman et al. (Role of stress-induced ligands in liver diseases) published 2012 should be cited.

A. Thank you for your suggestion, I have read and cited the review of Kahraman et al. 2012.

Response to Reviewer # 2446172,

Q. Dear Authors, The role of NKG2D ligand regulation was discussed in the article. It was a well-written article. Some misspelling should be corrected. For instance, page 9: occurrence

A. I apologize for the spelling errors, and corrected the text.

Response to Reviewer # 24434,

Q. This review paper is well structured. It overall addresses the correlation of the MICA genetic level and protein level with CHB infection. The publication is recommended, provided the following set of text corrections is performed. In the Page 7, line 28: correct to "MICA and MICB genes for which more"; In the Page 9, line 21: correct to " occurrence".

A. Thank you for spotting these grammar and spelling errors. I have corrected them and marked them in red.