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Dear Editor:

We would appreciate your consideration of the enclosed revised manuscript, entitled **“Natural regression of fibrosis in chronic hepatitis B: Possible implications in the evaluation of risk of HBV-related hepatocellular carcinoma.”**

for publication in the review article of **World Journal of Gastroenterology**.

This is a Topic Highlights article responding to your request that was made on December 10, 2015. We are showing personal ID 02941955 according your suggestion.

Responding the reviewer's suggestion, we revised manuscript, as follows.

1, We deleted the parts describing about HCV (page 9, line 12~14, page 12, line 12~14, and page 13, line 9~13) and repeated phrases (page 17, 12~14, page 18, line 2 and page 21, line 4), so that we now believe it has become more concise.

2, We did not change Table. 1, because information on HCV is thought to be needed to strengthen the clinical backgrounds of HBV-HCC. We also did not change Figure. 1, because showing a typical case is enough to emphasize our message and simple rather than showing multiple cases.

3, Spelling errors and English grammar have been checked carefully. We hope that this revised manuscript is worthy of being considered for the publication in the **World Journal of Gastroenterology**.

We confirm that the content of this manuscript has not been published or submitted for publication elsewhere. We also do not have any commercial affiliation or consultancy that could be construed as a conflict of interest.

If you need more information, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to hearing from you.

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