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To:

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Re: World Journal of Gastroenterology, Manuscript no: 65987

Dear Editor,

Thank you for reviewing our manuscript titled “Nucleic acid vaccines: A taboo broken and prospect for an HBV cure” by Tsounis et al.

We have now completed the revisions required by the reviewer, the Science Editor, and the Company editor-in-chief. All changes are highlighted in the revised manuscript. Point-by point answers to the comments made by the reviewer, the Science Editor, and the Company editor-in-chief are provided below.

The revised manuscript has been seen and approved by all authors.

We hope that our revised manuscript will meet with your approval,

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Christos Triantos

REVIEWER #1

Comment

Nucleic acid vaccines: A taboo broken and prospect for an HBV cure In this original manuscript, Tsounis EP et al, aim to review the role of nucleic acid-based vaccines in restoring immune dysfunction in chronic hepatitis B (CHB) and its potential as part of CHB cure strategies. The review is very well written and presented. The findings are relevant and interesting. The COVID-19 pandemic has put the spotlight in the nucleic acid vaccines, and so, this review is very pertinent. Please find below some minor comments: -Page 7: DNA vaccines: “histocompatibility complex class I (MHC I)”, should be “(MHC) I” -Page 8: “The efficacy and of a preS2”, should be “The efficacy of a preS2” -References: Reference #24: please check the spelling of this reference as 2 hyphens have been substituted by other symbols.

Answer

- 1) “Major histocompatibility complex (MHC) class I” has been modified as suggested.
- 2) “The efficacy and of a preS2” has been corrected.
- 3) Reference #24 has been corrected.

SCIENCE EDITOR

Comment

1 Scientific quality: The manuscript describes an editorial of the nucleic acid vaccines for HBV. The topic is within the scope of the WJG. (1) Classification: Grade A; (2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: The review is very well written and presented. The findings are relevant and interesting. The questions raised by the reviewers should be answered; (3) Format: There are no tables no figures; (4) References: A total of 54 references are cited, including 20 references published in the last 3 years; (5) Self-cited references: There is no self-cited reference; and (6) References recommendations: The authors have the right to refuse to cite improper references recommended by the peer reviewer(s), especially references published by the peer reviewer(s) him/herself (themselves). If the authors find the peer reviewer(s) request for the authors to cite improper references published by him/herself (themselves),

please send the peer reviewer's ID number to editorialoffice@wjgnet.com. The Editorial Office will close and remove the peer reviewer from the F6Publishing system immediately. 2 Language evaluation: Classification: Grade A. 3 Academic norms and rules: No academic misconduct was found in the Bing search. 4 Supplementary comments: This is an invited manuscript. No financial support was obtained for the study. The topic has not previously been published in the WJG. 5 Issues raised: No additional comments. 6 Re-Review: Not required. 7 Recommendation: Conditional acceptance.

Answer

The questions raised by the reviewers have been addressed.

COMPANY EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Comment

I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, the full text of the manuscript, and the relevant ethics documents, 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. Before final acceptance, uniform presentation should be used for figures showing the same or similar contents; for example, "Figure 1 Pathological changes of atrophic gastritis after treatment. A: ...; B: ...; C: ...; D: ...; E: ...; F: ...; G: ...".

Answer

We have revised the manuscript according to the Peer-Review Report and the Editorial Office's comments.