

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: revised manuscript Beisel et al.doc).

Title: Association of Autoimmune Hepatitis and Systemic Lupus Erythematoses
A case series and review of the literature

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated. Changes are highlighted in yellow.

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

Major comments:

1. "Clinical symptoms of SLE in each patient should be described in the table 1."

We thank the reviewer for this important suggestion. Clinical symptoms were added to table 1 and are highlighted in yellow.

2. "Was HLA-DR typing done?"

HLA-DR typing is not recommended as part of national disease management guidelines and was unfortunately not done.

3. "Histological grading and staging of the liver should be shown in each patient."

We agree with the reviewer's comment and added histological grading and staging for each patient to table 1. Changes are highlighted in yellow.

4. "I think that the liver specimen in figure 1 is not a typical feature of AIH. Plasma cell infiltration is not clear."

We thank the reviewer for this important comment. The liver pathologist of our department changed and improved the figure of the liver biopsy as suggested.

Minor comments:

1. "Table 3 is not necessary because these diagnostic criteria are widely used."

We agree with the reviewer's comment and removed table 3.

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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