

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: thalidomide and PHT revised doc).

Former Title: Thalidomide reduction of portal hypertension in portal vein ligated mice is transient and NOS isoform independent.

New Title: Thalidomide ameliorates portal hypertension via nitric oxide synthase independent reduced systolic blood pressure.

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

Revision to the text has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer,

Title was changed.

Abstract was extended

Abbreviations were added.

Core tip was added

Introduction was edited as per recommend by reviewers

Introduction on variceal formation clarified,

Sentence on micro-particles and eNOS added.

Acronyms expanded

Abrogate replaced with attenuates

Company addresses added.

Discussion edited to include that thalidomide also affects VEGF and thromboxane.

2 References and typesetting were corrected

References were added pursuant to edited introduction.

Format was altered as per journal style.

Native figures were provided.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

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