

ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript and a CD disk containing an electronic copy of the full-text manuscript in Word format (file name LakatosPLWJG2429 .doc).

Title: Treatment with atorvastatin and albumin infusions in a patient with congenital analbuminemia

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

1. Format has been updated
2. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer
1. In the manuscript the authors didn't refer to ethics committee approval.

Patients are essentially asymptomatic, apart ease of fatigue, minimal ankle oedema and hypotension. The approach to safely treat both hypercholesterolemia and analbuminemia and to eventually decrease the atherosclerotic risk is still unclear.

2. It is not clear whether the improvement of FMD have direct correlation with the infusion of albumin.

3. 3. There was no data, the liver and kidney function after the peripheral infusion of albumin. Otherwise I think title, abstract, research question are well defined.

No alterations of the liver and kidney function were observed after the peripheral infusion of albumin. We also observed the improvement of FMD after albumin infusion, suggesting a role for low albumin in eliciting artery dysfunction. As oxidative stress unfavourably influences FMD [25], such favourable change may be interpreted as a combined antioxidant and cholesterol-lowering effect of albumin. Therefore, we may suggest a direct correlation between albumin infusion and the improvement of FMD.

3. References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,