

## Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 13462-review.doc).

**Title:** Occult Hepatitis B virus infection and blood transfusion

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**Name of Journal:** *World Journal of Hepatology*

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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) Although the authors have done an extensive discussion regarding occult hepatitis B virus infection and blood transfusion, the authors do not address the impact of OBI in the developing countries. Can the authors please provide a paragraph regarding the addition of Minipool nucleic acid testing (NAT) to routine screening in these countries?

: We have described about minipool NAT additionally.

- (2) Given the priority of the issue, it would be useful to have a flowchart that each blood bank should follow particularly in countries where HBV NAT is not a routine. : We think the testing item for HBV screening is limited. therefore, a flowchart is not proper for suggested purpose.

- (3) Do the authors think that random sampling out of HBV Nat negative pools could be useful?

: We put some suggestions of pooling NAT.

- (4) The paper lacks of authors' personal comment/suggestion/speculation on the literature cited for the purpose of the manuscript. We have focused on information revealed by previous study, and have added our comments on revised manuscript.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dong Hee SEO'.

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