

ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 13604-review.doc).

Title: Hepatitis B and immunosuppressive therapies for chronic inflammatory diseases: when and how to apply prophylaxis, with a special focus on corticosteroid therapy

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

1. Format has been updated and carefully revised by a native English speaker
2. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers
 - (1) Title has been modified, following the review, but trying to focus on steroids treatment
 - (2) We have tried to clarify and avoid any confusion between chronic hepatitis B, inactive hepatitis B carrier and resolved VHB hepatitis o occult virus B. We sincerely think that now confusion is not probable
 - (3) Prevalence section has been moved, as suggested by reviewer 2, after first paragraph of Introduction
 - (4) Reference number has been moved at the end of the statement
 - (5) The paragraph starting "Few studies ..." has been rewritten (we probably had here a transcription mistake
 - (6) The abbreviation R-HBV has been eliminated and replace by HBV reactivation

(7) The section: *Immunosuppression. Why patients with an inflammatory disease are immunocompromised* has been eliminated according to the reviewer. We also have described the mechanisms why immunosuppression can cause flare and reactivation of HBV in section *Effect of immunosuppressive therapy on HBV infection. HBV reactivations in patients with inflammatory diseases*

(8) We tried to clarify the paragraph about drugs used for VHB prophylaxis, which has been updated

3. References and typesetting have been corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Pilar', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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