

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name:14034-edited.doc).

Title: Genotypes and viral variants in Chronic hepatitis B: A review of epidemiology and clinical relevance

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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) Reviewer 1: *"I read with interest the review entitled "Genotypes and viral variants in Chronic hepatitis B: a review of epidemiologic and clinical relevance" by Croagh et al. The review is complete, exhaustive and well written. There are a lot of useful information for the clinicians managing patients with HBV infection. I only suggest to write a new paragraph about "future directions" in whom the authors could underline further the future changes in the clinical practice following the increasing knowledge in this field. This paper is suitable for publication."*

A new paragraph on future directions has been written and incorporated into the conclusions paragraph.

3 References and typesetting were corrected.

4. Core tip and key words have been included.

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

Sincerely yours,

Dr Catherine Croagh