

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 14687-review.doc).

Title: The proportions of acetyl-histone-positive hepatocytes indicate the functional status and prognosis of cirrhotic patients

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

1 Format and language has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(1) We have edited our English by the English language editing companies named American Journal Experts;

(2) In the introduction section, we mentioned that role of HCV was also a very important cause of liver cirrhosis;

(3) We deleted the results in the last paragraph of the introduction, and emphasis our aim of the research;

(4) In the material and methods section, we deleted the cause of chronic liver disease in our excluded cases according to the reviewer's suggestion;

(5) We added the explaining of the abbreviations of H&E and PBS

(6) We added a new table (Table 1) to present our antibody details;

(7) We corrected the format of reference from [21-22] to [21,22], and others;

(8) We think the case number in the first paragraph of the results section is matching what is written in the material and methods section. Among the 3701 cases of liver cirrhosis, 3280 cases were HBV-associated, and 421 cases were non-HBV associated. Among the 3280 HBV-associated cases, 1982 cases were core needle biopsy, 687 cases lack of integral clinical data, only 611 cases were our final data. So, the total excluded cases were $3701-611=3090$ cases ($421+1982+687$);

(9) We have added the duration of the follow up period and the number of patients that died during follow up;

(10) In table 1 (now table 2), only the data of CTP grade were not measurement data, but grouped data, we analyzed the distribution difference of patients in different CTP grade between the follow up patients and all 611 cases. It cannot be described as measurement data in this table. We finally deleted the line of CTP grade in order to make the data in this table accordant;

(11, 12) We have put the P value in the page 9 where needed;

(13) Liver cirrhosis is a kind of chronic liver damage, in page 12, the sentence "Our work demonstrates an unprecedented mechanism to explain the compensatory capability of the liver, however, it is still unknown whether this is the same case in chronic liver damage" we stated was just to emphasis why we will perform this research and our aim, that we want to know the mechanism in chronic liver damage, including live cirrhosis;

(14) Yes, HCV-associated liver cirrhosis is another point we are interested in and focusing on. Other members in our group are preparing for the further study about HCV-associated liver cirrhosis.

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3 Typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shiyujun', is positioned above the printed name and affiliation.

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