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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 14920-review.doc).

Title: Viral Hepatitis and HIV Co-Infections in Asia

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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) **Comment:** If authors could provide the information on HBV/HCV/HIV triple co-infections in Asian countries, this may be more informative for readers.

Answer: We appreciate the comment and suggestion. We have added some information regarding HBV/HCV/HIV triple infection in the revised manuscript (Lane 323-335).

(2) **Comment:** Data concerning estimate numbers of infections may perhaps be updated in some cases. For instance, references [1] and [44] are manuscripts from 2006 and 2005, respectively. I believe there are more recent data available, at least in the WHO website.

Answer: We appreciate the comment and suggestion. We have changed references [1] and [44] in previous manuscript to new reference in revised manuscript (Lane 74 [reference 1]). Accordingly, prevalences of HBV, HCV and HIV were changed in the revised manuscript (Lane 72, 73, 116, 197, 198).

(3) **Comment:** Introduction Lane 79 – Please, clarify to which virus refers the YMDD motif.

Answer: We have modified the information regarding the YMDD motif in the revised manuscript (Lane 85).

(4) **Comment:** Epidemiology in Asia Lane 87 If 0,8% of the adult population is infected with HIV that would represent about 56 million people. But, in lane 65 the authors mention 40 million infected individuals. Lanes 94 and 107 If 1.8 billion people live in the WHO Southeast Asia Region and there are 5 million individuals infected with HIV than the prevalence is around 0,3%. This is a low prevalence. Are the numbers correct?

Answer: Regarding this prevalence or percentage of the population infected with HIV, we have corrected and omitted sentences that are confusing in the revised manuscript (Lane 73, 198, [HIV EPIDEMIOLOGY IN ASIA] section; Lane 90~).

(5) **Comment:** HBV/HIV co-infection in Asia Lane 147 – “A substantial prevalence” needs to be corrected to “A substantial number”. HCV/HIV co-infection in Asia Lane 239 Sulkovski et al should be changed to Sulkovski or Sulkovski MS Lane 250 Please, change “In rural and urban” to “ in rural and urban areas”

Answer: We have revised this section in accordance with your suggestion (Lane 139, 217, 227).

3 References and typesetting were corrected

4 Also, we have described additional affiliation for Maria Inge Lusida in the revised manuscript (Lane 16).

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

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