

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (ESPS Manuscript NO: 15601.doc).

Title: Occult hepatitis B infection in Egypt

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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 No. 02451447*

1. The authors should give more detailed introduction of OBI, such as current basic studies, the importance of OBI or how it can be re-activated in some situations (cancer patients, etc.).

“This was addressed in introduction according to reviewer comments”

2. The authors mentioned the screening of blood donors for OBI, and it should also mention the importance of OBI detection for cancer patients before receiving chemo- or other immunosuppressive treatment.

“This was addressed in introduction according to reviewer comments”

3. Could the authors provide some data about the OBI prevalence in patients with HBV and HCV co-infections?

“This was provided”

4. Some abbreviations in the main text should be given a full name in the first time before they are used subsequently.

“All abbreviation was revised and given in full in the first time they used”

5. Grammar and typo errors in the text should be corrected.

“The article was edited by English native speaker”

6. The authors used “blood malignancies” which should be changed “hematologic malignancies”

“This was changed”

(2) *Reviewer No. 02444959*

1 introduction must include summary of basic literature, such as: "Raimondo G1, Pollicino T, Romanò L, Zanetti AR. A 2010 update on occult hepatitis B infection. *Pathol Biol (Paris)*. 2010 Aug;58(4):254-7." "Di Bisceglie AM1, Lok AS, Martin P, Terrault N, Perrillo RP, Hoofnagle JH. recent FDA warnings on Hepatitis B reactivation with immune-suppressing and anti-cancer drugs: Just the tip of the iceberg? *Hepatology*. 2014 Nov 21. doi: 10.1002/hep.27609. "

“These was addressed in introduction section”

2 The references with very low of case should be excluded.

“We excluded references with low number of cases as possible as we can”

3 figure 1 should either be excluded or map the prevalence of occult hbv infection with color scale.

“This figure excluded”

4 the main text should be shorten and tables be simplified.

“It was shorten as possible as we can”

(3) *Reviewer No. 02444986*

1 Tables have been included in the manuscript, but they have not been mentioned in the text. Moreover all cited aspects in the tables should be described and discusses in the body text of the manuscript. Please, check

“This was modified in text according to reviewer comment”

2 Another relevant point is related to the order in sections: the reader would appreciate to know first which areas are more affected in Egypt. Then, after the introduction, “Geographic distribution of OBI in Egypt” should be placed and then followed by all the other sections

“The order of sections was modified according to reviewer advice”

3 In section “OBI in HCV Egyptian patients” El-Sherif et al work is cited, but it is not explained the findings of the paper. Please, describe.

“This study findings was described”

4 In section “OBI in thalasemic patients” please, support data related to Egyptian (32.5% thalasemic children) with a reference .

“A reference was added”

5 In section “OBI in Egyptian HD patients” please, explain and briefly discuss which factors are involved in the prevalence of OBI among HD-patients.

“Factors increasing the prevalence of OBI in HD patient were discussed”

6 Please, before using an abbreviation, provide the complete name.

“This was addressed throughout the text”

7 There are some grammatical and typographic errors through the manuscript that require attention.

“The text was revised according to reviewer comment”

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

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