

## ANSWER TO REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 16060-edited.doc).

**Title:** The impact of muscle wasting on survival in patients with liver cirrhosis

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### Reviewer 02942666

We kindly thank the reviewer for the useful comments.

Abstract: We rephrased the conclusion of the abstract in order to accurately reflect the title of the manuscript (Abstract, page 2, last 4 lines).

1. The definition of sarcopenia is given in the first paragraph (page 4). The definitions for cachexia and malnutrition have been added, as the reviewer suggested (Page 5, first paragraph, lines 2-9).
2. The underlying mechanism with reference to molecular aspects has been reported (page 4, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, last 7 lines).
3. A reference to sarcopenic obesity has been added as the reviewer suggested (page 5, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, last 7 lines).
4. The association of sarcopenia with the etiology of liver cirrhosis has been reported, as the reviewer suggested (page 7, lines 12-16).
5. We have discussed the role of nutraceuticals in muscle wasting of patients with cirrhosis, as suggested (page 8, second paragraph, lines 8-16).

### Reviewer 02941980

We kindly thank the reviewer for the useful comments.

1. We defined all abbreviations at their first appearance in text, as the reviewer suggested (Abstract, page 2, lines 6 and 14; Main text, page 5, last line of last paragraph).
2. We have done the appropriate changes where applicable.

We hope that our manuscript is now suitable for publication in *World Journal of Gastroenterology*

Sincerely yours,

C. Triantos, M. Kalafateli