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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: WJH 16359-review.doc).

Title **Hepatitis B virus reactivation during immunosuppressive therapy: appropriate risk stratification**

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

Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

Hepatitis B virus reactivation during immunosuppressive therapy: appropriate risk stratification
Dr. Wai-Kay Seto, et al. This is an informative review. Two points should be considered.

1. First, preemptive therapy means that NUC administration starts after HBV DNA detection in followed-up patients. It is recommended that NUC administration starts as a preventive therapy for HBsAg-positive patients.

Thank you for your suggestion. The phrase "preemptive antiviral therapy" has been amended to the more appropriate "prophylactic antiviral therapy" throughout the abstract, core tip and manuscript.

2. Next, methotrexate is reports to be one of the drugs induced HBV reactivation in HBsAg-negative patients. Authors should add methotrexate in Table 1 with the below paper. Tamori A, et al. Prospective study of reactivation of hepatitis B virus in patients with rheumatoid arthritis who received immunosuppressive therapy: evaluation of both HBsAg-positive and HBsAg-negative cohorts. J Gastroenterol. 2011; 46: 556-64.

Thank you for your suggestion. Methotrexate has not been added as suggested as an immunosuppressant that is associated with HBV reactivation for both HBsAg-positive and HBsAg-negative patients. Amendments can be found in page 6 paragraph 2 line 7 and page 8 paragraph 2 line 6.

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

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