

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 18173-review.doc).

Title: Prevention of post-transplant recurrence of hepatitis B virus: a review of past and present strategies, including combination nucleos(t)ide analogue and HBV prophylaxis and vaccination

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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

To the review by #02860653

Thank you very much for your thorough reviewing of our manuscript.

- (1) For this reason the title sounds quite generic and could be more focused on the particular part of prevention as not all of existing approaches are discussed in the manuscript.

Thank you very much for your important comment. We have revised the title for including all contents in this manuscript as much as possible.

- (2) I would recommend Authors to adhere the structure to review article requirements with logical coherence. Also it might be recommended to pay more attention to discussion of clinical aspects in the general concept of management of transplantation patients, to discuss diagnostic, predictive markers for patients stratification and therapeutic choice. Contraindication and adverse effects of discussed prevention should be included to the discussion.

Thank you very much for your comment. To resolve the disconnection of the paragraphs, we have moved forward the part of 'Why is the control of HBV difficult? — the complicated HBV life cycle and weak immunological response in chronic carriers' (Page 6, Line 1-Page 7, Line 5). And we have added the aspects that the reviewer mentioned as much as possible.

To the review by #03020625

Thank you very much for your thorough reviewing of our manuscript.

- (1) Paragraph: 50 million people are estimated to be chronically infected with hepatitis B virus (HBV)
- this data might be updated based on the data from WHO, 2015

[\(http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs204/en/\)](http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs204/en/)

Thank you very much for your useful comment and information. We have checked the website that the reviewer mentioned, and we have revised the manuscript according to the reviewer's comment.

(2) Unified the units.

Thank you very much for your comment. We have recognized that some paragraphs should be united for the proper coordination of overall manuscript, so we have united the paragraph that were described about NA (Page 12, Line 1-Page 14 Line 2)

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3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Masatoshi Ishigami', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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