

Responses to the reviewers' and editor's comments

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Title: Serum 25(OH)D3 and 24,25(OH)2D3 do not Correlate With Liver Fibrosis in Chinese Treatment-naïve Patients with Chronic Hepatitis C

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Reviewer #1:

The work concluded that the serum vit D dose not related with fibrosis although there were reports that the Vit D is closely related with Hepatitis C.

Author's Response: Thanks for reviewer's comment on our study. Indeed we got this result in Chinese treatment-naïve population with chronic hepatitis C.

Reviewer #2:

The manuscript by Yan et al., entitled 'Serum 25(OH)D3 and 24,25(OH)2D3 do not Correlate With Liver Fibrosis in Chinese Treatment-naïve Patients with Chronic Hepatitis C' is a well written manuscript with novel data. However, there is a critical error in figures, where, the figure 1 and 2 are the same and the legends for figure 1 is wrong (G0 instead of F0 etc.). It may be due to the uploading of the same file twice unless, the data values are too close. Please check it.

Conclusion spelling in line 22, page 3

Author's Response: Thanks for reviewer pointing out this problem. Figure 1 was not the right figure. We have uploaded the right figure and corrected the spelling of " Conclusion" in line 22, page 3.

Editor :

Author's Response:

Thanks for editor pointing out these problems.

1. We have language certificate letter by professional English language editing companies. Please see the uploaded files.
2. We have limited the Title in 12 words.
3. We have changed the Running title within 6 words.
4. We have added the ethics approval, informed consent, Conflict-of-interest and Data sharing statements in the manuscript's title page.
5. We have edited the section of METHODS to 140 words.
6. We have added the Core tip.
7. We have added the COMMENTS.
8. We have added the latest references.

In all, we appreciate the reviewers' and editor's comments and suggestions. For addressing reviewers' and editor's questions and comments, we have extensively revised our manuscript. Changes in response to these comments have been added to the revised version of the manuscript, which in a significant way have helped to improve our manuscript. With these changes and modifications, we hope our manuscript is now acceptable for the publication. Thanks again!