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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (NO18999.Revised Manuscript.doc).

Title: HEPATOCYTE TRANSPLANTATION PROGRAM: LESSONS LEARNED AND FUTURE STRATEGIES

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1.-Reviewed by 02551224

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

Those changes are attached to the manuscript.

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I wish to express my compliments for your interesting review article on hepatocyte transplantation, reporting the results you have obtained in this still experimental field. There are not many Centers in Europe and elsewhere actively involved in this field on humans. The article is well written, clear and comprehensive. It lacks detailed description of materials and methods used, but this is in accordance with the divulgative nature of the article. I would suggest to better delineate the clinical results so far obtained by your group, and also by others, since only significant although preliminary results could justify the effort needed for such a difficult cellular therapy.

2.- Reviewed by 03293832

The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers. Those changes are attached to the manuscript.

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The manuscript describes clinical hepatocyte transplantation mainly from the technical standpoint. The manuscript is acceptable if authors revised following points; 1. One recent report of clinical hepatocyte transplantation is lacking (Enosawa et al, below). In this case hepatocytes were procured from unused segment of living donor. Cite the paper appropriately. Enosawa S, Horikawa R, Yamamoto A, Sakamoto S, Shigeta T, Nosaka S, Fujimoto J, Nakazawa A, Tanoue A, Nakamura K, Umezawa A, Matsubara Y, Matsui A, Kasahara M. Hepatocyte transplantation using the living donor reduced-graft in a baby with ornithine transcarbamylase deficiency: a novel source for hepatocytes. *Liver Transpl* 20; 391-393, 2014 2. Some sentences are complex and unclear. Improve them by reviewing

the whole manuscript. Some are marked down in the attached file and refer them.

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eugenia Pareja Ibars', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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