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Thank you again for your kind invitation to submit for publication in *World Journal of Hepatology* our review article (ID number 02860708) "**Clinical significance of HBsAg mutants**" (ESPS n°: 21084)

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We sincerely hope that the enclosed manuscript can be accepted for publication in World Journal of Hepatology.

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