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Re: Revision of Invited Manuscript Submission ID (00181409); Entitled: Apoptosis, Autophagy, and Unfolded Protein Response In HBV- and HCV-Induced Hepatitis (22376)

Dear Dr. Saleh A. Naser:

Please find attached the revised manuscript entitled “***Apoptosis, Autophagy, and Unfolded Protein Response In HBV- and HCV-Induced Hepatitis***”, authored by Dr. Behzad Yeganeh, Dr. Adel Rezaei Moghadam, Mr. Javad Alizadeh, Dr. Emilia Wiechec, Dr. Seyed Moayed Alavian, Dr. Mohammad Hashemi, Dr. Bita Geramizadeh, Dr. Afshin Samali, Dr. Kamaran Bagheri Lankarani, Dr. Martin Post, Dr. Payam Peymani, Dr. Kevin, M Coombs, Dr. Saeid Ghavami.

Please note that all authors have read and approved the final version of the revised manuscript for submission.

All authors appreciate the great comments by reviewers which improve the quality of the manuscript. Here are the answers:

1- In M&M section, why did authors use “Kruskal-Wallis test”?

Answer: We appreciate for the comment. We have added two sentences in the revised version to explain the reason we have used Kruska-Wallis test. It is lines 15-17, page 11 in the revised version.

2- In Discussion section, page 14, lines 20-22 “The hepatitis B virus X.....HBV infection.” Please refer the following reference: Kanda T, Yokosuka O, Imazeki F, Yamada Y, Imamura T, Fukai K, Nagao K, Saisho H. Hepatitis B virus X protein (HBx)-induced apoptosis in HuH-7 cells: influence of HBV genotype and basal core promoter mutations. Scand J Gastroenterol. 2004 May;39(5):478-85.

Answer: We appreciate the comment. We have added the reference to the revised version. It is in page 15, reference number 45, line 23.

We hope we can answer all questions and we are looking forward to hear from the editors the final decision.

Sincerely,

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