

March 23, 2017

Dear Editor,

Thank you for your letter concerning the revision of our manuscript. The manuscript has been revised according to the reviewers' comments. The followings are the point-by-point responses to the reviewers' comments.

We hope that the reviewers and editors will find this revised version acceptable for publication in the World Journal of Gastroenterology.

Yours sincerely,

Camila Avelar

Title: Effect of silymarin on biochemical indicators in patients with liver disease: systematic review with meta-analysis

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Reviewers' Comments to Author:

Reviewer no: 03536233

Congratulations!

Answer: Thank you very much for your kind comment.

Reviewer no: 03622674

This manuscript describes the results of a meta-analysis evaluating effect of silymarin on the serum levels of ALT,AST and GGT in patients with liver diseases. Silymarin has been used in several studies of liver diseases for its hepatoprotective effects. Consequently, this systematic review with meta-analysis evaluating large majority of the literature is crucial to be understood of its actual effectiveness.

Answer:

Thanks a lot for your positive comment.

Reviewer no: 03536491

No no vanity in the work.

Answer:

Thanks for your comments. All discussions as well its conclusions were made concerning the results we have found. We try to write the article as clearly and objectively as possible, to make easy the readers' understanding.

Editor's comments:

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2 - Please provide the postal code. And check throughout, thank you!

Answer: Thank for your comments. Postal code submitted and double-checked.

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Answer: References were modified as requested.



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