

## Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 3666-review.doc).

**Title:** Presence of disease specific autoantibodies against liver sinusoidal cells in Primary Biliary Cirrhosis (PBC)

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

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

### **Reviewer 1:**

(1) In preliminary experiments, sections have been incubated with dilutions of sera up to 1:200 and results were similar, but the staining intensity was weaker, therefore the dilution 1:50 was used throughout. This was added to the paper under the Material and Methods section.

### **Reviewer 2:**

Major comments

(1) Previous findings, as correctly was pointed out by the reviewer, were done on isolated rat or human endothelial cells. We used human liver tissue for the first time. We have clarified this point and added "in diseased liver tissue" in the abstract, introduction, discussion and conclusion.

(1), (2) Both studies (Xu B, et al. Capillarization of hepatic sinusoid by liver endothelial cell-reactive autoantibodies in patients with cirrhosis and chronic hepatitis. *Am J Pathol* 2003; Oct; 163(4):1275-89 and Han K, et al. Occurrence of antibody against rat hepatic sinusoidal endothelial cells in sera of patients with autoimmune hepatitis. *Dig Dis Sci* 1995 Jun; 40(6):1213-20) have been added and commented in the discussion session as suggested by the reviewer.

Minor comments

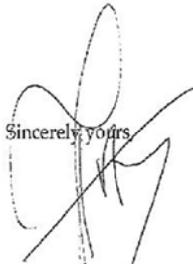
(1) Indeed the presented references were not recent. We have therefore substitute "Recent data" with "Studies"

(2) We have substitute the word “normals” under the Materials and Methods section with the word “normal”.

3 References and typesetting were corrected.

4. English language has been corrected by a native English speaker.

Thank you again for considering our manuscript for publiication in the *World Journal of Hepatology*

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