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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 39053-Revised manuscript-revision.doc).

**Title:** Is it possible to stop nucleos(t)ide analogue treatment in chronic hepatitis B patients?

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The manuscript main text has not been modified since the Editors did not suggest any change and only the reviewer 02947240 suggested adding new references but we think they do not improve the manuscript, because they are out of the focus of the review. We have only edited the reference style to name the journal in the abbreviate form as is stated by the WJG guidelines. Our response to the reviewers is:

1. The reviewer 02947240 suggested adding some references about the role of NUC treatment on lowering the risk of HCC. We do not think these references are pertinent, since this review is about the current knowledge in possible stopping rules for NUC treatment, but it is not a review about the advantages of NUC treatment on HBV natural history.
2. The reviewer 02861252 did not give any advice to improve the manuscript.

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

Sincerely yours,



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