

Dear Editor:

Thanks for your and reviewers' positive comments on our manuscript that was submitted to the World Journal of Gastroenterology. We have made corrections in the manuscript according to your and reviewers' comments. Following you may find our response to the reviewers' comments point by point:

Reviewer #1:

Thank you very much for your generous praise.

Reviewer #2:

1. First comment: Please, explain how you estimated the starting dose of chenodeoxycholic acid.

Response: We have modified the section in the *treatment* of METHODS for giving more description on this question.

2. Second comment: Please, add the normal reference ranges in the tables 1 to 3.

Response: The normal ranges were added as requested.

Thanks again for give us your valuable suggestions. Any more question, please feel free to let me know.

Sincerely yours,

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