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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: ESPS-449 Review.doc).

Title: Effect of alternative antibiotics in treatment of cefotaxime resistant spontaneous bacterial peritonitis

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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

(1) Randomization has been reviewed in the "*Patient management*" section.

(2) Grade of hepatic encephalopathy had been shown in the "results" section and the consent status for these patients had been delineated in the study design section

(3) Regarding the choice of the second antibiotic, a rationale has been added with references in the patient management section.

(4) As a result of this study an empirical treatment with cefotaxime is justifiable and switch to another effective antibiotic "meropenem" in this study by a 2nd ascitic fluid PMNL count is effective to pick early resistant cases " this was shown as a conclusion at the end of discussion".

(5) As regard the tables, some non-significant data was deleted from the 1st table; for diarrhea, hypotension and tachycardia among group I and group II.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

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