

ANSWERING REVIEWERS

14th September 2013



Prof. Jin-Lei Wang
Director, Editorial Office
World Journal of Gastroenterology

Dear Professor Wang,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 4853-revision.docx)

Title: The interaction of *IFNL3* with insulin resistance, steatosis and lipid metabolism in chronic HCV infection

Authors: Mohammed Eslam, David R Booth, Jacob George and Golo Ahlenstiel

The manuscript has been revised according to the reviewers' suggestions in keeping with the formatting guidelines (changes tracked).

In detail the following comments have been addressed (changes are marked in blue, underlined and bold):

Reviewer 1:

1. ...*"the title can be Interactions of IFNL3 with steatosis and lipid metabolism in chronic hepatitis C infection"*

The title has been changed in accordance with reviewer's suggestions (see manuscript page 1)

2. *For example, the results of main studies concerning steatosis and IFNL3; lipid metabolism and IFNL3 can be demonstrated via tables.*

New tables 2 and 3 have been added summarizing this data.

Reviewer 2:

1. ...*the following paper must be included in the review ,since it is in my point of view, a major recent advancement in the field . J Exp Med. 2013 Jun 3;210(6):1109-16. doi: 10.1084/jem.20130012. Epub 2013 May 27.*

This paper has now been included as reference 11 in the manuscript (see page 4).

References and typesetting were corrected.

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

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JLW'.

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