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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed an electronic copy of the full text revised manuscript in word document format.

Title:

Latent hepatitis B is a risk factor for hepatocellular carcinoma in patients with chronic hepatitis C

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestion of the reviewers

The following revisions have been made:

1. The format has been changed to your requirements
2. Revision has been made according to the suggestion of the reviewer. The sentence in the abstract "risk factors are poorly understood" has been replaced with "While several risk factors have so far been identified, we studied the potential association between LHB and HCC".
3. "Science news" and "Highlighted contents" about the manuscript have also been attached.
4. The copyright assignment form is currently being circulated so all authors can review and sign it. Once complete, I will forward this to you. I can fax it to you or scan and email it to you what ever is convenient for you.

Thanks a lot for allowing me to complete this process and also extending the deadline as requested.

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