

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 4014-review.doc).

Title: Effects of entecavir and lamivudine for hepatitis B decompensated cirrhosis: Meta-analysis

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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

Response to reviewer 02453015:

- (1) Introduction. The reason for conducting this meta-analysis has been explained on page 4-5.
- (2) Literature search. The process of identifying the included trials is presented in Figure 1 on page 20.
- (3) Inclusion criteria. Quality assessment of the trials was performed with Jadad scores on page 7, and the scores of included trials are presented in Table 1 on page 20-21.
- (4) Data extraction. The third person is included on page 6, and the acknowledged is added on page 14.

Response to reviewer 02451558:

- (1) Articles published between June 2012 and May 2013 has been searched and included on page 7.
- (2) Abstract: results. The baseline characteristics of two group patients has been described briefly in the abstract on page 2.
- (3) Introduction. The reason for conducting this meta-analysis has been explained on page 4-5.
- (4) Materials and methods. Literature search: The keyword "hepatitis B decompensated cirrhosis" has been replaced as "hepatitis B" and "decompensated cirrhosis" on page 5.
- (5) Data extraction. The third person is included on page 6, and the acknowledged is added on page 14.

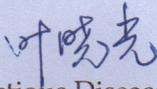
Response to reviewer 02458737:

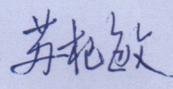
- (1) The outcome about the mortality was concerned on page 11.
- (2) Introduction. We has listed the systematic reviews, and give the reason for conducting this meta-analysis on page 4-5.
- (3) The third person is included on page 6, and the acknowledged is added on page 14.
- (4) In literature search, the limitation of languages has been stated on page
- (5) Quality assessment of the trials was performed with Jadad scores on page 7, and the scores of included trials are presented in Table 1 on page 20-21.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

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