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Response to the Peer-review report:

I have revised the manuscript according to the peer reviewers' comments and the suggestions from Dr. Pyrsopoulos.

Reviewer #1: This Editorial summarizes the first editorial board meeting of the World Journal of Hepatology, proposing good initiatives to improve the development of the journal.

Answer: Thank you for taking your time to review this manuscript.

Reviewer #2: This editorial article systematically introduced the first WJH editorial meeting in Boston, which received many constructive suggestions from the business part and the scientific parts. This article is well-written, clear to understand, and attractive for WJH audiences. The only suggestion is to show the names of people in Figure 1.

Answer: Thank you for taking your time to review this manuscript. Thanks for the positive comments. I have added the names of the attendees in the figure legends of Figure 1.

Reviewer #3: No comments

Answer: Thank you for taking your time to review this manuscript.



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Reviewer #4: This report of the first meeting of the Editorial board of WJH has recommended approaches to increase the reach of the journal and enhance the quality of manuscripts submitted for publication. The points discussed have been summarized well. Minor point It would be pertinent to mention a time line for rolling out the new initiatives. In addition, information about subsequent Editorial board meeting would be useful along with a period of "open house" when other Editorial board members may be asked to send up to 3 recommendations for improving the journal quality and citations.

Answer: Thank you for your positive comments and the kind suggestions.

1 "Minor point It would be pertinent to mention a time line for rolling out the new initiatives." The editorial office will hold an internal meeting in regard to the detailed plan and timeline to roll out the new initiatives. Please see my revision on Pages 8-9.

2 "In addition, information about subsequent Editorial board meeting would be useful along with a period of "open house" when other Editorial board members may be asked to send up to 3 recommendations for improving the journal quality and citations."

Thank you for this good suggestion. We are working on making a standard document and a detailed plan to hold the sequential editorial board meetings and we will consider about your kind suggestions seriously with regards to the "open house".

Reviewer #5: This editorial is nicely written on the editorial board meeting held in Boston and



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should be published in WJH.

Answer: Thank you for taking your time to review this manuscript. Thanks for your positive comments.

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