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Dear Editor,

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Title: The direct effects of hepatitis C virus on the lymphoid cells

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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) Page 5, Title, correct "HCV infection in PBMCa" with "HCV infection in PBMCs"

Page 5, line 10, correct "pegirated-interferon" with "pegylated-interferon"

Page 13, line 2, change "lymphotrpic" with "Lynphotropic"

Response:

Thank you for your constructive comments. I collected these sentences.

(2) Page 2: "The direct effects of HCC on lymphoid cells have not been clarified yet". I think it should be HCV. Page 3: "...at risk of progressing to hepatic fibrosis, cirrhosis and HCC[1, 2]". When HCC first appears, the full name should be mentioned. Page 5: "The role of virus reservoir HCV infection in PBMCa". PBMCa should be PBMCs. Page 5: "especially HIV co-infected patients[18]" should be "especially in HIV co-infected patients[18]". Page 9: "However, a negative relationship between HCV and NHL was also reported in low HCV prevalence countries". In statistics, a relationship between two variables is negative if the slope in a corresponding graph is negative, or –what is in some contexts equivalent–if the correlation between them is negative. Negative correlation is also variously called anti-correlation or inverse correlation. I think the authors want to express that no association between HCV and NHL was found.

Response:

Thank you for your constructive and reasonable comments. I collected these sentences following your suggestions.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

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