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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 5530-review.doc).

**Title:** KHAT (Catha Edulis Celestrasae) as a possible cause of drug induced autoimmune hepatitis

**Name of Journal:** *World Journal of Hepatology*

**ESPS Manuscript NO:** 5530

The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers. Some of the suggestions were acknowledged but not added to the article:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

- Typo errors corrected.
- Abstract reference added.
- Detailed data presented in the table and not in the text to avoid duplication.
- "Other herbal medications" used instead of "herbal medications".
- Statement added about the lack of information on the exact amount of Khat used by patients.
- Statement added informing that there was no history of re-exposure to Khat in these individuals. Also the patients were on steroids so it is difficult to say whether the improvement in LFTs was due to stopping Khat or due to the steroids.
- Title changed as suggested.
- The title was changed and "literature review" was removed.
- Other causes of herbal induced liver injury were not mentioned.
- The following reference was mentioned in the article Teschke R, Frenzel C, Schulze J, Eickhoff A. Herbal hepatotoxicity: challenges and pitfalls of causality assessment methods. *World J Gastroenterol* 2013; 19: 2864-2882. However details of CIOMS were not available for each patient and it was acknowledged in the article that the relationship of Khat and AIH is circumstantial.
- The fact that Khat causes VOD was not mentioned. Also comparison was not made with Kava use.

3 Several references added and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

Dr Shahzad Riyaz