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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word Format (file name: 6221-review.doc).

Title: Complementary and Alternative Medicatin in Hepatitis C Infection

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of the reviewers:

1. Format has been updated.
2. References have bee corrected.

3. Revisions made according to the following reviewer comments:

Reviewer 00507910: *"Excellent job. Is there any insight or advice to treaters on what to tell our patients about use of various CAMs during future courses of the new DAA meds coming soon?"*

Thank you for the kind feed back. We added a comment about the new DAA meds in the 2nd to last section of the paper.

Reviewer 00002314: *"Contrary to the statement of the aim of the present work, this is not a systematic review but a narrative review. Because this is an interesting area, I suggest that the authors solve these major issues before it can be considered for publication: 1) state the methods used to search the literature 2) use the PICO (patient, intervention, comparator, outcome approach) to analyse data 3) provide data in tabular format for easier reading."*

We apologize for the confusion as this is not a systematic review but instead a topic highlight. We have clarified this language in the manuscript. We have provided a table as well.

Review 0068251: *"Please find below the report for the review titled 'Complementary and Alternative Medications in Hepatitis C Infection' 1. The paper contains some minor deficiencies in terms of semantics, grammar and mechanics of writing such as punctuation. As for the unity and coherence of a paragraph, it needs to be re-checked and re-desinged. (For example "There as been" "Due to this there has been much interest" "between treatment groups during treatment"). 2. Long stringy sentences*

create confusion and need more attention to be understood. 3. Abbreviation 'CHC' should be written in full form when it is first mentioned. 4. Last paragraph on page 4 says "Despite anti-HCV findings in cell culture, clinical studies that have evaluated milk thistle for a variety of liver diseases have yielded inconsistent results, and low bioavailability of silymarin components has been reported." In this sentence, the phrase 'despite anti-HCV findings in cell culture...' is not meaningful, thus it needs to be re-written. 5. This review is too long, which needs to be shortened."

We appreciate the feedback about the grammar issues. We have read the manuscript closely and have made the appropriate changes through out the manuscript. We did not significantly shorten the review as there is no limitation on the length.

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

Sincerely yours,

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