

Response to editor's comments:

- 1- Postcode added
- 2- A native speaker of English language reviewed the manuscript and made the minor "polishing" recommended by the reviewers.
- 3- Per your suggestion regarding author contributions, I don't think it is necessary to add the contributions part, as I am the only reviewer of the literature provided in the references list and writer of this manuscript. However I added the sentence and highlighted on the manuscript. Please feel free to exclude that sentence if you agree that it is not necessary as the manuscript has only one writer.
- 4- Figure is changed per your recommendations, now it is decomposable and editable.

- 1- Mongoloid and Mongolian are used in the literature interchangeably; however it is changed to Mongolian per your suggestion in this manuscript.
- 2- As the acronym VDR (vitamin D receptor) was explained on page 5 section 2. Cytokines paragraph 2, I did not repeat the explanation on further pages.
- 3- Interferon lambda 3 is also known as interleukin 28B. The sentence is changed as "IL-28B, which is also known as IFN- λ 3 is encoded by the IL-28B gene."
- 4- The sentence is changed as follows: "I IFN γ gene polymorphism at position +879 causing low IFN- γ level reported to be higher in patients with chronic HBV infection compared to control group"
- 5- Page 9 The sentence is changed by replacing "regulation" with "expression"
- 6- Table 1 is cited in manuscript on Page 5.
- 7- The nucleotide information is included when mentioning polymorphisms.