

Format for answering reviewers

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 6719-revision.doc)

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

For the reviewer No. 02457523:

1. All references were edited in the correct WJG style. PMID and DOI were added after references as required. (revised portions are marked in red)
2. Format has been updated based on the WJG requirement.
3. Before resubmission, the manuscript was reviewed by an individual proficient in English.
4. As it should be avoided wherever possible from the traumatic examination during pregnancy, the degree of fibrosis during pregnancy could be evaluated by a rise in serum of procollagen-3-peptide (PCIII), type 4 collagen (IV-C), laminin (LN) and hyaluronic acid (HA), and the results of ultrasound or magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). And we should invite specialist physician to help us for diagnosing (paragraph 2 of the Maternal Antiviral Therapy section, revised portions are marked in red).

5. When the pregnant patients with high HBV DNA level but normal ALT, they should still take antiviral therapy directly in the third trimester.
6. Abstract was revised base on the unstructured abstract's requirement (the abstract section, revised portions are marked in red).

For the reviewer No. 00073425:

1. As it should be avoided wherever possible from the traumatic examination during pregnancy, fibrosis and cirrhosis could be differentiated in pregnancy by the results of ultrasound and/or MRI. And we need to invite the specialist physician to help us for diagnosing (paragraph 2 of the Maternal Antiviral Therapy section, revised portions are marked in red).
2. HBV carriers are defined as asymptomatic hepatitis B surface antigen positive patients. The explanation is provided and marked in red (Prenatal Use of hepatitis B Immunoglobulin section, 7th line).
3. We described each abbreviation when it occurs first time as requirement (revised portions are marked in red).

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

Sincerely yours,

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