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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 9443-review.doc).

Title: Conventional, but not remote ischemic preconditioning, reduces iNOS transcription in liver ischemia/reperfusion

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1 The manuscript has been improved according to the editorial review:

1 Language has been reviewed by www.aje.com, please find certificate attached

2 Abstract has been re-written according to format for "research report"

3 Comments have been written according to format for "research report"

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

(1) *"However, abbreviations like NOx, iNOS, etc. should be explained in the place of their first appearance."* This has now been corrected, please find the changes highlighted.

(2) *"First of all, it should be clearly stated that remote organ- ischemic preconditioning approach is found helpful for liver IR injury or not."* This is now clearly stated in the beginning of the results chapter (page 8) as well as in the beginning of "discussion" chapter (page 10), please find the changes highlighted

(3) *"Discussion part was enrolled in confusion." And "Therefore, priority in the discussion should be given reflections of results regarding to iNOS and IL-1 transcription between experimental groups."* The discussion has been re-written to give priority to iNOS and IL-1 receptor transcription as well as to avoid discussing different aspects of the findings on more than one occasion.

(4) *"Discordance between serum and tissue NO or NOx levels is not a new finding."* It is now clearly stated that those findings obtained with Microdialysis (not published earlier) support similar findings obtained with other methods previously published (page 12), please find the changes highlighted.

(5) *"The iNOS and the IL-1 receptor mRNA is performed in left lobe of the liver? please detailed explain the surgical procedure in this study."* This is now clarified on page 6 (sampled from the ischemic liver), please find the change highlighted. In addition this is also stated in the results on page 10 (highlighted for IL-1 receptor but not iNOS as it was already written there before the review).

(6) *"Discussion part was enrolled in confusion, please rewrite the discussion part"*. Please see comment 3 above.

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bergthor Björnsson". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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