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To,

Dr. Yuan Qi,

World Journal of Gastroenterology,

Sub: Submission of revised manuscript

Dear Dr. Yuan Qi:

We would like to thank you for your kind assistance in the review process and an opportunity to revise our manuscript. We also would like to thank the reviewers for their valuable comments that have greatly improved our manuscript. Here we resubmit the revised manuscript of “Effects of gender and generations on Hepatitis B viral load in families of hepatocellular carcinoma”.

The point-by-point response and answer to the reviewers’ comments and questions are presented following this cover letter.

Please let me know should you have any question.

Yours Sincerely,

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Reviewers' comments:

Reviewer: In this manuscript, the authors analyzed non-genetic factor associated with HBV replication in relatives of patients with hepatocellular carcinoma in large cohorts. They suggest that gender and generation were independent factors associated with HBV viral load. Briefly, the manuscript is concise and of interest but the english is here and there cumbersome, some expression are not correct and the apepr should be revised by a motherlanguage expert

Reply: We appreciated the reviewer's suggestion. Our manuscript has been revised by a motherlanguage expert.