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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 14692 edited).

Title: Hyponatremia in Cirrhosis: The Pathophysiology and Management

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

1 Format has been updated

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

(1) a. Importance of monitoring serum sodium levels has been added as per the suggestion of the reviewer. Thank you bringing this important point to our attention.

b. Given the lack of a single therapeutic agent to correct the hyponatremia, we would like to maintain our stand that correction of hyponatremia may be considered only if serum sodium is less than 120 or in those patients with any symptom that is attributable to hyponatremia. As there is a strong recommendation by the FDA to not use Tolvaptan in patients with cirrhosis given the data from the polycystic kidney study showing increased mortality and given the absence of any alternative safe vaptan or medication to treat hyponatremia, we believe that many patients will be subjected to the extreme hardship of severe fluid restriction, if we give a liberal criteria for correction of hyponatremia. We hope the reviewer would agree with us in that there are no studies comparing the low quality of life with strict fluid restriction with that of uncorrected mild hyponatremia.

c. Thank you for pointing out the grammatical and other mistakes, those have been corrected accordingly.

(2) Thank you for the comments. The references have been updated. Key words have been added and those are the words used for literature search.

(3) Thank you for the comments. All the errors that were pointed out have been corrected

3 References and typesetting were corrected.

All the changes have been highlighted in the revised, edited manuscript.

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul J Thuluvath', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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