

## ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 5845-review.doc).

**Title:** HCV-related Mixed Cryoglobulinemia: is genetics to blame?

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**Name of Journal:** *World Journal of Gastroenterology*

**ESPS Manuscript NO:** 5845

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:

**(01588404)** We appreciated the interest of the reviewer in our recent scientific production about microRNA and HCV-related lymphoproliferation. However, with this review we meant to make clearer all the attempts made to evaluate the link between a particular genetic background and the HCV-related MC onset. In this light, miRNA fluctuation can't be interpreted as genetic predisposition, since their levels are influenced by several factors. Anyhow, we introduced a sentence to mention the increasing interest about this class of post-transcriptional regulators.

We agree with the reviewer about the usefulness of a table describing the host genetic factors shown to be associated with HCV-related MC onset, and we added it accordingly.

**(00504172)** We wrote out all the acronyms according to reviewer suggestion.

**(02439708)**

The manuscript has been edited by a native English-speaking professional science/medical editor, corrections are throughout the text and they have not been highlighted.

3 References and typesetting were corrected.

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Anna Linda Zignego'.

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