

## ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 18654-Revised manuscript.docx).

**Title:** Restoring homeostasis of CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells in hepatitis-B-virus-related liver fibrosis

**Author:** Li-Sha Cheng, Yun Liu, and Wei Jiang

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

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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) The authors describe the role of various cytokines and molecules in the impairment of CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells in HBV-related chronic liver disease. The review is well written, but it would be better to have a summarized figure.

**Reply:** We have added two tables (Table 1 and Table 2), which summarize the role of various cytokines and surface molecules described in the text, respectively.

- (2) There are some animal experiments attempting to restore CD4<sup>+</sup> T cell function for immunotherapy of HBV infection. It would also be better to introduce some of the reports.

**Reply:** We have modified the presentation to introduce the experiments in more detail and have added some more reports. Besides, another surface molecule (TIM-3) associated with chronic HBV infection was added.

3 Language has been improved to reach grade A.

Thank you for your kind and useful suggestions and thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Wei Jiang'.

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