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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The work of Toru Takahashi entitled "IL28B genetic polymorphism and hepatitis B virus infection" aims to review the literature about the influence of genetic polymorphism of IL28B on the outcome of chronic infection with HBV treated with Pegylated-IFN. This work results quite confused and not so clear, and therefore it is not suitable for publication in WJG in the present form. The English grammar has to be reviewed because of construction and punctuation mistakes.

Abstract section:
2nd line: ... interferon plus ribavirin is better than interferon with ribavirin
Introduction section:
6th line: "epoch-making event" it is preferable to give less emphasis to this event
10th line: Subsequent study should be plural because the studies quoted in reference are two
14th line: "...and another large" is better to delete "another"
This is the first study quoted for HBV
20th line: the end of this sentence claims for references that are not quoted
21st line: "Here we summarize..." it should be better if the author describes the role of IL28B on the HBeAg-positive and HBeAg-negative patients in two separate sections. This in order to result more clear for readers.

Facts on IL28B section
12nd line: "intrahepatic" is incorrect
16th line: IFNs construct innate
"Construct" needs to be substituted
Page 5, line 11st: hepatotropic is perhaps hepatotropic?
line 18th: in this line the words "dendritic cells" are present twice, but one is enough. I'm also wondering what these 3 lines add to the paper.

In general most of this section is rather confused and it is not clear the link with the rest of the manuscript. A possible association of IL28B section
From now on there are a series of studies quoted and recounted sometimes too much and sometimes too little. There is no order or chronological nor for target (association at the end of treatment, during the follow-up, for HBeAg seroconversion or HBsAg seroclearance), so that it is very confusing to the reader which ultimately understands that there is a

need for further studies, clarifying whether IL28B influence the outcome of patients with CHB treated with Pegylated IFN. Table 1, which presents many typewriting mistakes, attempts to clarify what above said. In the opinion of this reviewer it is better to divide the studies, at least, into two tables, for HBeAg positive and for HBeAg negative, respectively. Page 6, line 18th: the $p=0.18$ is, in my opinion, wrong, given the HR and 95% CI quoted

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This review is informative and has the scientific value. However, this manuscript is not acceptable in World Journal of Gastroenterology. Because of it is very confusingly documented. Main point is there are many of genetically errors. This document is needed re-documentation and re-submission.