

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 6081-review.doc).

Title: Hepatoprotective Effect of *Cichorium intybus* L., a Traditional Uighur Medicine, against Carbon Tetrachloride-induced Hepatic Fibrosis in Rats

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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

Reviewer 1:

I read with interest this experimental work performed in rats. The author intent to be inducing fibrosis in rats.

(1) Were the authors performed a multivariate analysis to the immunohistochemical tests?

We made a qualitative analysis to the immunohistochemical tests.

(2) It could be a bias in its analysis. - I would suggest that the aims close specifically to the conclusions.

We have made some corrections in the analysis, and believe that it now closed to the conclusions.

(3) There are 2 references that were not cited in the text. Please, make them accurate.

We have checked the whole manuscript, and make sure all the reference are cited in the text.

(4) Some small corrections should be made in the text. *We have revised the whole text.* Methodology should bring more details on the surgical procedure to take the materials. Please, set pictures on it. *We have provided the pictures about the surgical procedure.*

Reviewer 2:

This is straightforward study that might be of interest to the World Journal of Gastroenterology audience. The paper is well written and relies on a sound experimental set-up. The conclusion is solid and clear. The reviewer only has minor remarks that must be considered by the authors prior to resubmission:

(1) Has a power analysis been performed prior to the study?

Yes, we has a power analysis been performed prior to the study.

(2) Centrifugation velocity must be expressed as 'xg' and not as 'rpm'. *We have revised the whole text.* (3) Specifications for the primary antibodies used in the immunohistochemical procedure must be included (supplier, dilution, ...)

We have revised the whole text. (4) The paper needs revision of the language and some typographical errors must be corrected.

We have revised the whole text.

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 black ink, reading "Jinhui Wang". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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