

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, ...)

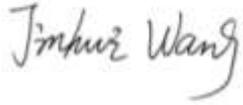
[We have revised the whole text.](#)(4) The paper needs revision of the language and some typographical errors must be corrected.

[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 that reads "Jinhui Wang". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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