

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 5750-revised.doc).

Title: Hepatitis B virus mutations related to liver disease progression of Korean patients

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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) Reviewer 1

This is a comprehensive review of the role of HBV mutations in the characteristics of chronic hepatitis B in South Korea. It is written by an expert on the field, who contribute substantially to the current knowledge on the topic. Major comment: Even though the review focuses on South Korean patients, I think it would be much more appealing if it could include a small section on the frequency and relevance of the described mutations in other populations. Minor comments: Please define OECD.

- ➔ According to reviewer's comment, I added the following sentences and a reference regarding the prevalence of BCP double mutations in Taiwanese. (Page 11-12, Line 335-340)
- ➔ I explained the OECD nations, and highlighted the sentence in the revised manuscript. (Page 3, Line 75-76)

(2) Reviewer 2

Excellent paper The paper is to be published within 4 weeks. On line 67 the authors should explain that means OECD nations.

- ➔ I explained the OECD nations, and highlighted the sentence in the revised manuscript. (Page 3, Line 75-76)

(3) Reviewer 3

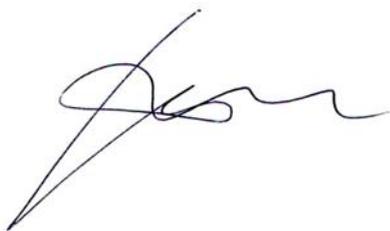
This review is very informative. It should be published.

3 References and typesetting were corrected.

4 A Figure was uploaded as a separated file.

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Bum-Joon Kim', written in a cursive style.

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