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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 5956-edited.doc).

Title: Production and pathogenicity of HCV core gene products

Author: Hui-Chun Li, Hsin-Chieh Ma, Chee-Hing Yang, Shih-Yen Lo

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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) *reviewed by 00187828:* The review manuscript entitled "Production and pathogenicity of HCV core gene products" by Hui-Chun Li, Hsin-Chieh Ma, Chee-Hing Yang, Shih-Yen Lo is well-presented and written. The relevant literature was extensively reviewed. The subject is just timely. (Response: Thanks for the comment.)

(2) *Reviewed by 00005855:* In this review, the authors reviewed and discussed the current knowledge regarding the production of different core gene products and their roles in viral pathogenesis, focused on the recent developments. This is very well written, comprehensive, and through review that would be quite useful for all readers of The Journal. There are very few issues to be addressed. Page 12. The authors may also discuss over reports by in vitro experiment on the biological effect of substitutions of amino acids 70 and 91. (Response: Thanks for the constructive suggestions. We added the information as suggested.)

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

Sincerely yours,

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The signature on the left is more complex and cursive, while the one on the right is simpler and more stylized.

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