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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 6858-Review).

Title: Emerging antivirals for the treatment of hepatitis B

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Thank you very much for your letter and the comments from the reviews about our paper. The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated according to the suggestions of the editor.

"Author contributions "and "Core tip" section are now included in the revised manuscript.

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer.

(1) The phenylpropenamides appear to inhibit encapsidation since no reduction in nucleocapsid formation nor decrease in core protein levels. Katen et al. demonstrate that phenylpropenamides increase both the rate and extent of capsid assembly. The phenylpropenamides appear to bind to the core protein with weak affinity and induce the protein into a more assembly active state. They identified the phenylpropenamide family of compounds as a class of assembly effectors of HBV that specifically accelerate normal, on-path assembly. We have added the mechanism of phenylpropenamide action in the revised manuscript.

(2) As required, the abbreviations IV and SC have been described in text.

(3) As required, we added the caption for figure 2.

(4) We apologize for our carelessness in the work of edit. We have corrected the spelling mistakes.

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 cursive script that reads 'Xueyan Wang'.

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