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Dear Editor.

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 20131211revisedIL28B and HBV20130716.docx)

Title: *IL28* genetic polymorphism and hepatitis B virus infection

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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 reviewer.

Reviewer #1

1. Abstract section: 2nd line: ...interferon with ribavirin was changed tointerferon plus ribavirin.
2. Introduction section: 6th line: "Epoch-making event" was omitted.
3. Introduction section: 10th line: "Subsequent study" was changed to "subsequent studies".
4. Introduction section: 14th line: "Another large cohort of patients with" was deleted.
5. Introduction section: 20th line: References are quoted accordingly in the main body of sentences.
6. We tried to discuss the issue on the HBeAg-positive and HBeAg-negative patients in two separate sections, although we could not since there were lot of studies that contains both HBeAg-positive and HBe-negatige patiens as well as no description as to HBeAg status.



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7. Facts on IL28B section: 12th line: “intrrahepatic” was changed to “intrahepatic”.
8. Facts on IL28B section: 16th line: “Construct” was substituted to “..is a major component of...”
9. Page 5, line 11th. “Hepatotropic” was changed to “hepatotropic”.
10. Page 5, line 18th. “Dendritic” was omitted and the sentence was changed as the reviewer #1 recommended.
11. In “A possible association of IL28B genetic polymorphism and spontaneous....”, section, a series of studies are chronologically quoted.
12. Table 1 was extensively revised and typing errors were corrected.
13. Page 6, line 18th. $P=0.18$ was wrong. $P=0.018$ is correct.

Reviewer #2

Many genetic errors were corrected and redocumented.

Typewriting was corrected.

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

Sincerely yours,

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