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RE: Invited Review (ID number: 0076833)

Dear Dr. Ma,

Please find enclosed the manuscript, entitled, 'Lipid dysregulation in HCV, and impact of statin therapy upon clinical outcomes,' for publication as an invited review article in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

We are delighted to have been asked to submit this invited review, and hope that the manuscript may be deemed suitable for publication. This paper represents the result of a thorough search and review of the world literature, and we have focused upon the current state of knowledge regarding the intimate relationship between HCV infection and host lipid metabolism, and the impact of statin medications upon disease outcomes.

We appreciated the reviewer comments from our initial submission of this manuscript, and have used those suggestions to edit and improve the review. Enclosed, please find a detailed response to those comments.

This manuscript is not being considered elsewhere for publication and has not been previously published in any format. All authors have read and approved this submission. To the best of our knowledge, no conflict of interest, financial or other, exists.

Please address correspondence to me at the address listed below. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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Reviewer and Editor comments and author response:

Page, line 5-6 (editor comment): The title has now been updated according to the Editor's suggestions. It is now 12 words in length.

Page 1, line 12-16: postcodes where relevant have been added. Please see comment noting that there is no postcode necessary for the Hamad Medical Corporation in Doha, Qatar.

Page 1, line 22: there are no conflicts of interest

Page 2, line 27: An audio core tip will be recorded and submitted as a separate file

Page 3, line 5: Please note that all references in the manuscript have been updated and are now in the correct (superscript) format.

Page 15, line 4-6 and line 20 (editor comments): Please note that the figures have been submitted as separate image files (.TIFF format) as per the author submission guidelines. We have also submitted the original powerpoint source file, to help with any edits or line changes that the editorial staff would like to make.

Page 16 (references): All references have been updated and each bibliographic entry now includes PMID and DOI reference numbers, when available.