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Dear Editor,

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Title: The natural YMDD-motif mutants affect the clinical course of lamivudine

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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). The revised manuscript has been edited and proofread by a medical editing company (AJE);

2). the reference part has been provided.

3). We supplement this content of virological breakthrough hepatitis in Page 7, Line 18-26.

4). All results of univariate analysis and multivariate analysis including no-significant data have been shown in Table 3 and we have deleted the previous Table 3

5). The title has revised "The natural YMDD-motif mutants affect the clinical course of lamivudine";

6). We supplement this content of excluding in Page 6, Line 25 - Page 7, Line 3;

7). In many guidelines lamivudine is not considered a first-line agent in the treatment of chronic HBV anymore. Moreover, it is very unfortunate lamivudine are still widely used to treat chronic hepatitis B by Chinese doctors, because due to its cheap;

8). we have rewritten "the introduction and discussion parts" and made it smooth.

9). We re-created the figures and merged Fig 1, 2 to new Fig 1. And merged Fig 3, 4 to new Fig 2.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

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