

Cover letter

Dear Editor Lian-Sheng Ma:

Thank you for your letter.

We have revised our manuscript "Continuous deterioration of glucose metabolism in treatment-naïve male patients with human immunodeficiency virus and treated with tenofovir plus lamivudine plus efavirenz for 156 weeks" (80530) according to editors and reviewers comments.

A point-by-point response to the comments was following:

1. We more precisely defined inclusion/exclusion criteria, excluding those with known diabetes mellitus at the start of the study, including 11 with known prediabetes and 50 with normal glucose tolerance at the start of the study. Baseline data of 50 patients with normal glucose tolerance were added in Table 1. A total of 61 patients and 50 with normal glucose tolerance were subsequent analyzed respectively in Figure 2, 3.
2. All of blood samples were collected and analyzed in the same, central lab.
3. We stated more clearly study strenghts and study limits.
4. We added data on antidiabetic agents metformin introduced during the study to treat hyperglycemia.

5. We write the research gap in Introduction clearly and according to the research gap, we write our contribution at the end of Introduction.

6. We draw a schematic diagram to demonstrate our work in Figure 1.

7. We compared the results with some other recent existing works, and cite it, see references 37, 38,39,40.

We appreciate for Editors'warm work earnestly.

Thank you and best regards.

Yours sincerely,

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