

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 10025-revised.doc).

Title: Hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis: recent progress in the pathogenesis, diagnosis and treatment

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1. Title has been revised considering the criticism that this is a general review not specifically focusing on treatment.
2. Abbreviations; CAEBV has been specified.
3. The manuscript has been shortened as much as possible, avoiding repetitive statements.
4. Summary has been included.
5. Abstract/Manuscript
 - (a) Auto-inflammatory has been replaced with autoimmune
 - (b) The use of “/” has been avoided as much as possible.
 - (c) Page 10; A sentence starting with “Initial diagnostic work-up...” has been revised as suggested.
 - (d) Flowcytometric has been replaced with flow cytometric.
 - (e) Repetitive sentences have been avoided.
 - (f) Page 16; immunochemotherapy has been correctly spelled out.
 - (g) Fig.2 has been revised by removing etc.
6. Page 8 Statement under clinical features has been revised as suggested.
7. Under laboratory findings, sentences have been revised as suggested.
8. Table 3 a reference has been provided.
9. Flowchart in Figure 1 has been revised as suggested.
10. Treatment subsections have been divided as suggested; (1) General considerations and supportive drugs, (2) Suppression of inflammation, (3) Combined Immunotherapy or Immunochemotherapy, (4) Other treatment and (5) HSCT.
Statement for optimal timing of HSCT has been inserted in the HSCT section.
11. References in the text have been revised to be uniform. Reference 111 is an abstract at the HS meeting. (it is not a published paper, but contains an important information)
12. English and grammar have been improved.

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Shinsaku Imashuku". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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