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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 19447-revised.docx).

Title: Do vasopressin V2 receptor antagonists benefit cirrhotics with refractory ascites?

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Name of Journal: *World Journal of Gastroenterology*

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Thank you very much for giving me valuable comments on my manuscript.

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

This paper is well written and contains many useful information. The weak point is that this paper is too long and contained too much detail about vaptans and mechanism. I hope the authors can make this paper more compact.

I have made every effort to make this paper more compact, omitting many words, phrases, sentences and paragraphs. The total words of the main text have been decreased from 7323 to 5903 words.

I moved part of sentences in the Pathogenesis of ascites section to the figure legends. I have shortened the statements on clinical trials of vaptans as I could. However, I did not change the basic framework of the manuscript, because this paper may become the first one in the world to combine the pathophysiological background for refractory ascites and hyponatremia with the results of almost all clinical trials of V2 receptor antagonists (vaptans). I hope that the readers can understand the future perspective on the topic after reading through this comprehensive review article.

3. The title was changed to “Do vasopressin V2 receptor antagonists benefit cirrhotics with refractory ascites?”

4. Typing mistakes were corrected and English expressions were further refined.

5. The table was revised by arranging the descriptions of the reports chronologically for better understanding.

Thank you again for considering the publication of my manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hiroshi Fukui'.

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