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Dear Editors and Reviewers,

Thank you and the reviewers for a thorough review of our manuscript entitled “**A case of severe alcoholic hepatitis treated with granulocytapheresis**” (Manuscript number 28139, **INVITED REVIEW ID 00188507**) by Yukari Watanabe, Tomohiro Iwasaki, Hiroyuki Abe, Shunsaku Takahashi, Kenichi Mizuno, Manabu Takeuchi, Atsushi Eino, Ichiei Narita, and Shuji Terai, and myself. The thoughtful comments from the reviewers are greatly appreciated. In preparing for revision, we have carefully studied reviewers’ comments and incorporated many of their suggestions into the revised manuscript. For your convenience, we have highlighted the changes made in blue. We hope this revised manuscript is now acceptable for publication in *World Journal of Clinical Cases*.

We declare that this work is original, the manuscript is not under consideration by other journals. All authors approved the contents submitted. We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely yours,

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Dear Reviewers:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful comments and suggestions. In preparing the revision, we have carefully studied your comments and incorporated many of your suggestions into the revised manuscript. The following are our point-by-point responses to your comments/concerns. For your convenience, we have highlighted the changes made in blue.

Title: A case of severe alcoholic hepatitis treated with granulocytapheresis (Author ID 00188507)

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Editor

Based on the reviewers' comments, your manuscript may be accepted for publication if the suggested revisions are incorporated and the subsequent re-review is positive.

Response: We are grateful to the editor for the positive comments and for recognizing the significance of our work.

1. *When you send back, please provide the format of doc, not the format of PDF.*

Response: We have submitted word doc. files.

2. *Please provide language certificate letter by professional English language editing companies*

Response: We have attached it.

3. *In order to attract readers to read your full-text article, we request that the first author make an audio file describing your final core tip. This audio file will be published online, along with your article.*

Response: We have attached it.

4. *Please put the reference numbers in square brackets in superscript at the end of citation content or after the cited author's name.*

Response: We have corrected them.

5. *Please add references.*

Response: We have added it.

6. *Make Table 1A and Table 1B into Tables 1 and 2, or combine into one table. o graphics, boxes, or embedded tables. Please provide Word (preferred), Excel format.*

Response: We have modified and added word doc. file.

Reviewer #1

In this invited short article, Dr. Watanabe, and Dr. Kamimura together with their colleagues describe their clinical experience in applying granulocytapheresis to treat a severe case of alcoholic hepatitis. Given that the treatment does not involve any drug, the therapeutic outcome is intriguing. I have only minor comments, which if addressed should significantly add to the impact of this very interesting report.

Response: We are grateful to the reviewer for the positive comments and for recognizing the significance of our work.

1. *Please write GMA instead of GCAP. GMA should come after granulocyte and monocyte apheresis (GMA). Please see the reference by Saniabadi, et al. I have recommended below.*

Response: Thank you for your comment. Since we have published papers describing GCAP (Kamimura K, et al. *Dig Dis Sci* 2014; **59**: 482-488 and Kamimura K, et al. *Kanzo* 2002; **43**: 316-321), we would like to keep the consistency between the papers. To follow the reviewer's suggestion, we have cited the paper.

2. *You have adequately described the clinicopathological features of alcoholic hepatitis, but the readers of your paper may need to know more on how GMA works in this clinical setting. Please add this short paragraph to your Discussion section and cite the reference provided below....*

Response: To follow the reviewer's suggestion, we have cited the paper and added the description in Discussion (page 10, line 2). According to the addition of reference, the reference numbers were modified for other references.

3. *Your report needs minor language editing. For example, in your core tip and elsewhere, the text says: Corticosteroid (CS) has shown its effectiveness treating patients by prohibiting the production of cytokines. Prohibiting is not a correct term here. The sentence should read like this: Corticosteroids (CS) have shown efficacy in patients with alcoholic hepatitis by inhibiting the production of cytokines.*

Response: We have modified the description and added the certificate of language editing (core-tip; page 11, line 6; and page 11, line 7 from the bottom).

Reviewer #2

This is an interesting and well written case report.

Response: We are grateful to this reviewer for the positive comments and for recognizing the significance of our work.

Reviewer #3

The paper reports a potentially interesting and important study. Overall, the paper is clear and well written. The presented data are easy to understand.

Response: We are grateful to this reviewer for the positive comments and for recognizing the significance of our work.

1. *Authors wrote “(...) He (patient) had been a heavy drinker for about 10 years, and consumed approximately 250 mg of alcohol per day (...)”. It seems to me that patient consumed 250 g of alcohol per day (but not 250 mg), if he had been a heavy drinker.*

Response: We have corrected the description.

2. *Figure 1 a. For unknown reason data regarding CRP are repeated twice. Moreover, there are some inconsistency between the data presented in text and in Figure 1a. For instance: in text CRP = 3.97 mg/dl but in Fig. CRP = 6.73 mg/dl. Please compare/check other parameters presented in text and in Figure 1 a.*

Response: Thank you for your thorough reviewing. We have corrected the description and according to this change, the Figures were modified.

3. *Some abbreviations are missing.*

Response: We have modified the descriptions (for e.g., page 4, line 14; page 11, line 6 from the bottom; and page 7, line 6 from the bottom).