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To the Editor

World Journal of Gastroenterology.

Dear Editor,

Thank you very much for giving us the opportunity to resubmit a revised version of our manuscript entitled "**Viral hepatitis: innovation and expectations in 2020**" that we are re-submitting to World Journal of Gastroenterology for possible publication as Minireview. We appreciated the suggestions of the Reviewers and we have made changes to the text in response to their comments. Below you may find the response to the points raised. Our replies are underlined and follow the Reviewers comments. All modifications in the text are also underlined.

1) *I suggest to incorporate some Tables and charts (specifically of newer molecules and their MOA) to make it more attractive.*

We included in the review table to summarize the most important new molecules to treat patients with hepatitis B. We indicated in the table a synthesis of mechanism of action and related references.

2) *I suggest to add few words on the newer tests available for Chronic Hepatitis B.*

We added a paragraph about the new diagnostic biomarkers and tests available for hepatitis B, in order to assess the efficacy of therapy and monitor the response.

3) *I suggest to add few lines on the emergence of Resistance in Hepatitis B and C specially after use of oral agents.*

We included a short paragraph regarding drug resistance anti-viral treatment at the end of hepatitis B and hepatitis C sections.

We hope that the manuscript is now be suitable for publication in *World Journal of Gastroenterology.*

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely yours

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