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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 6695-review.doc).

Title: Hepatitis B virus infection in Latin America: a Genomic Medicine Approach

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

- A) Format has been updated according to the journal's requirements
- B) English language was revised by AJE and the certificate was uploaded
- C) Several observations made by the editors were corrected

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

Reviewer code: 00053439 On page 8, (line 11 from the bottom) some countries names are repeated twice. Also Puerto Rico named in low prevalence and intermediate prevalence of HBV infection. These need to be fixed before it is published.

Answer 1: On page 8: Repeated countries were eliminated accordingly.

Reviewer code: 02523474

It is an interesting paper that views of the importance of genomic medicine for the study of HBV infection and its clinical outcomes in Latin America. 2. What are the differences in HBV infection data between Latin America and China? I think it is important question to be answered in this paper.

Answer 2: Yes, we agree with the reviewer. Indeed, the view of this paper is to advocate for the study of genetic and environmental factors involved in the clinical outcome of HBV infection according to the specific characteristics of each population worldwide. Thus, regarding the reviewer's comment, we underlined the original phrase regarding HBV infection in Asia versus West on page 6 and added new lines on page 11 that are highlighted in bold.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

We greatly appreciate your teamwork to enhance our publication for the World Journal of Gastroenterology.

Sincerely yours,

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