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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name NMR metabonomics.doc)

Title: A 1H-NMR based metabonomic study in patients with patients with cirrhosis and hepatic encephalopathy

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The above mentioned manuscript has been improved according to the suggestion of the reviewers

1. The abstract and references were reformatted according to the instructions to Authors from the Journal
2. Revisions have been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers.
 - (1) Each test substance now appears in the materials and methods section along with the measuring units.
 - (2) The statement about common causes of cirrhosis was revised.
 - (3) ROC curves analysis was added
 - (4) A statement explaining the inclusion and exclusion criteria was added.
 - (5) Total numbers of patients recruited and reasons for subsequent exclusion is provided.
 - (6) Covert hepatic encephalopathy was not ruled out
 - (7) Meals before the study was roughly equivalent but not identical#
 - (8) Results were reformatted according to the reviewers' instructions.
 - (9) The empty chemical shift column in the Tables was replenished

Minor typesetting errors were corrected.

Thank you again for considering our manuscript for publication at the World Journal of Hepatology

Sincerely yours,

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