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**Dear Jin-Lei Wang,**  
**Director, Editorial Office**

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (4440\_review.doc).

**Title: Alcoholism and Liver Disease in Mexico: Genetic and Environmental Factors**

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In general, the manuscript was revised completely. Each point by point comment was modified or corrected according to the reviewers petitions, including deletion of some parts of the manuscript that were redundant and unnecessary.

We answered each reviewer's comments to improve the manuscript as follows:

1. Format has been updated
  - Document is sent in doc version
  - Font and word size (10) was set.
2. Revision was done according to the suggestions of the reviewers and highlighted in the text where appropriate.

**Reviewer 00037668**

1. English language was revised. The first author is a native-speaker of the English language.
2. All unclear statements were improved:
  - A. Phrase corrected on Page 5... regarding ALD? to the numbers of deaths? or to the alcohol consumption?
  - B. Paragraph rephrased on Page 9 ...these two lines refers to the type a or the type b of alcoholism discussed in the paragraph.
  - C. On Page 6, the section about the origin of 'octli' was significantly shortened to keep with the scientific relevance of the consumption of pulque. We added a "Box 1" to highlight the Aztec tale which has medical, anthropological and social relevance highly associated to the present-day consumption of alcohol. We included a new figure (No. 5) to be placed inside Box 1 to improve visual content. This figure was downloaded from the internet, available at URL: [http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:May%C3%A1huel\\_1.jpg](http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:May%C3%A1huel_1.jpg). WikiCommons states that this figure is of public domain because the copyright has expired. Please let us know if this citation will be satisfactory for publishing.

**Reviewer 02444760**

1. The title on Page 1 was modified to reflect the contents of the manuscript
2. Table 1 was deleted and the paragraphs that followed where eliminated.

**Reviewer 00488223**

1. Wording issues: All paragraphs related to genetics were either eliminated or re-written and cited to avoid plagiarism.
2. The phrase: The liver is the main organ responsible for ethanol metabolism by three enzymes: alcohol dehydrogenase class I polypeptide B (ADH1B) ...and other ADHs was considered on Page 9.
3. Grammar issues: Phrases on Page 4 and 5 were corrected.
5. Grammar issue: On Page 12 "alcoholic liver damage The next step" was corrected.
6. On Page 12 "haplogroups that could confer a ..." was corrected.
7. On Page 11 "rs661" was corrected to "rs671" and ALDH gen was corrected.
8. "alcoholism" is "alcohol dependence". The former is the old name and the latter is the new name. But in this review, they were treated as two different concepts in several places. This should be changed. The term alcoholism was changed where appropriate and highlighted.

3. References and typesetting were corrected.

We greatly appreciate the editorial work of the reviewers to enhance our publication. Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

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