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To,
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Re: Revised submission of MS: 5162708601865476 - Modulations of Cell Cycle Checkpoints in HCV Associated Disease

Dear Editor,

We are thankful to the member of editorial board for his constructive feedback. In light of reviewers’ comments and editorial advice, we have incorporated the changes after some modifications in the discussion section of manuscript. (Page numbers and changes made (line) are mentioned in italic).

Revisions:

1. The expression of p27 and p15 in the nuclei of the non-dividing cells may indicate increased DNA-synthesis only in cells which are metabolically more active (compensation in a continuously damaged liver?).

   Page 14, line 3-5

2. The number of non-HCV-infected control livers is to low to allow to define statistically significant differences between the two groups (with different degrees of fibrosis).

   Page 15, second paragraph

3. I would suggest to take the manuscript as it is after the caveat mentioned above have been introduced into the discussion together with the fact that beta-actin gene-expression may increase with increasing grade of fibrosis and inflammatory activity.?

   Page 14-15, end of first paragraph

4. The implications of this work has been tone down accordingly in abstract section (Page 3).

On behalf of all authors I would express my sincere thanks to you for considering this manuscript.
Yours sincerely,

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