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To
The Editor, BMC Nursing.

Dear Editor,

Thank you very much for your valuable time and sharing reviewers’/editorial insightful comments with regard to our manuscript, "Efficacy of a Self-Management Program in Patients with Chronic Viral Hepatitis in China" (NURS-D-18-00179R1).

We have discussed on these review comments including all authors. There are the point-by-point responses to the comments and suggestions made for the reviewers and your consideration. All the necessary changes have been incorporated in the manuscript using the red-colored typeface accordingly. We hope that our responses will be appropriate to qualify the manuscript for publication in your well-reputed journal.

Thank you very much for your excellent support and concern.
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Response: Thank you very much for your guidance.

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Response: According to your direction, we are uploading English language versions of all questionnaires developed and used in this study as ‘Additional file 1’, and it was also referred in the ‘Evaluation and data collection’ subsection under ‘Methods’ section of the manuscript.

Thank you very much for the Editor’s & Reviewers’ valuable comments and continuous support to improve the quality of our paper. We highly appreciate and acknowledge their great contribution.