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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 13261-edited (revised).docx).

**Title:** Hepatitis C infection in Hemodialysis Patients: A Review

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

1 Format has been updated as recommended by the editor.

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

**(1) Reviewer 1 (02895041)**

**1. The main issue is that it is not clearly presenting an innovative scientific conclusion as there are similar reports in the current literature.**

Answer: Our manuscript was an invited manuscript for the special issue of the Journal. The editor had accepted the title. We changed the conclusions in the revision.

**2. Issues with grammar and writing style, limit the effectiveness of the review.**

Answer: Issues with grammar and writing style were revised by thoroughly the official English editor of Baskent University.

**3. The article could be improved by adding a more definitive-but brief- conclusion section that summarizes the main review topics and key areas of future research.**

Answer: Conclusions section was changed accordingly.

**4. The number of references in total is too big and should be shortened. In tandem there are no references in some key sentences and should be added.**

Answer: Three of the references were dropped and three new ones that Reviewer 3 recommended were added.

**(2) Reviewer 2 (01221188)**

**1. The abstract was duplicated.**

Answer: Now there is only one abstract. The abstract section was changed in the revised manuscript.

**2. Cirrhosis is not always the indication of liver transplantation. The authors should describe the indication of liver transplantation and revise the figure 1.**

Answer: Figure 1 was revised accordingly.

**3. Dose the "mcg" mean  $\mu\text{g}$  ? I think that "mcg" is not common ward.**

Answer: Although, "mcg" can be used as " $\mu\text{g}$ ", we changed a "mcg" to " $\mu\text{g}$ " in the manuscript.

**4. What is the number of authors column? Is the reference number? If it is the reference number, it is wrong number. The authors should check the reference numbers again.**

Answer: There is no number in the authors' column in revised manuscript.

**(3) Reviewer 3 (00502973)**

**1. In general, this manuscript was written in poor English. Many sentences are difficult to understand. I suggest the author has this manuscript revised by a native English speaker.**

Answer: The manuscript has been edited and revised accordingly. Issues with grammar and writing style were revised thoroughly by the Native English speaking who is the official English editor of Baskent University.

**2. This manuscript was badly edited. Many words were connected lack of spaces between adjacent words. The abstract was repeatedly presented. Percentage was not expressed correctly. For example, forty percent should be expressed as 40% rather than %40.**

Answer: The necessary editing and corrections were made.

**3. Under the subtitle of Impact of HCV on survival, I think that the survival of HCV patients who infected HCV by being transplanted a HCV-infected kidney should be distinguished from those who had HCV before kidney transplantation. The former had HCV after transplantation and thus had a short course of infection, and should have a better survival than the latter.**

Answer: We agree with the reviewer to some degree, but this point was not relevant with our discussion.

**4. Some new published information should be included:**

Liu CH, et al. Pegylated interferon- $\alpha$ 2a with or without low-dose ribavirin for treatment-naïve patients with hepatitis C virus genotype 1 receiving hemodialysis: a randomized trial. *Ann Intern Med.* 2013 Dec 3;159(11):729-38.

<http://annals.org/article.aspx?articleid=1784288>

Lee JJ, et al. Hepatitis C virus infection increases risk of developing end-stage renal disease using competing risk analysis. PLoS One. 2014 Jun 27;9(6):e100790.

<http://www.plosone.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pone.0100790>

Zimmer-Rapuch S, et al. New therapies for hepatitis C: considerations in patients with renal impairment. Drugs. 2014 Aug;74(12):1307-13.

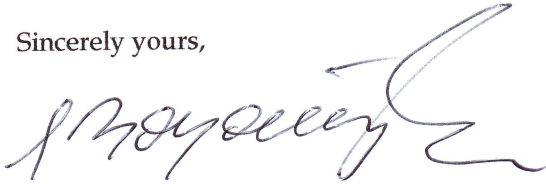
<http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs40265-014-0268-7>

Answer: These three references were added.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Hepatology*.

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