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Dear Ze-Mao Gong,

Science Editor, Editorial Office

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RE:

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Column: Review

Title: Hepatitis C in Non-Hepatic Solid Organ Transplant Candidates and Recipients: A New Horizon

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Thank you for the opportunity to revise our manuscript. Below is the response to reviewers' comments to support the revised manuscript and supporting documents. We look forward to your response.

Reviewer 1:

This is a very well-written review on HCV in non-hepatic solid organ transplant candidates and recipients.

Some minor comments:

In the second paragraph of "Impact of Hepatitis C on Outcomes...", the first frase appears incomplete – please verify.

Response: The sentence reads "The impact of HCV on the outcomes of non-hepatic SOT has been studied most extensively in renal transplant recipients." This is the intended statement and a complete sentence therefore not revised.

Some typos in the last phrase of this same paragraph.

Response: Thank you. The section has been reviewed and the only typographical error noted was membranoproliferative, in the second paragraph of the section, which

has been corrected and highlighted. We could not identify any additional typos on review.

References are missing in table 3

Response: We apologize for this oversight. References have been added.

Does Figure 2 consider all non-hepatic SOT or only potential kidney recipients? If for all non-hepatic SOT, consider adding an observation to "Asses for combined liver-kidney transplant", as this recommendation refers only to ESRD.

Response: Thank you for this comment. We assume this to refer to Figure 1, rather than Figure 2 as stated. The box in Figure 1 has been revised to appropriately reflect the need to consider liver/non-hepatic combined transplant (i.e. heart-liver; lung-liver or renal-liver as appropriate).

In the section New era of Hepatitis C Treatment – Interferon Free", in the seventh paragraph ("Although there are very limited data..."), the first phrase is very confusing. Please rephrase.

Response: Noted. This sentence has been revised.

Reviewer 2:

Well done review.

Only two queries about Table 1: -

SVR in first line is lacking. -

Response: Thank you for noting this. The SVR has been added

Results of reference 58 (Fabrizi et al.) about SVR and adverse event are reported in an unusual and difficult-to-understand way (OR): an explanatory note should be reported

Response: Agree. Unfortunately this is how the authors analyzed and reported the data. An explanatory note has been added that hopefully puts these results in context.

Reviewer 3:

In this review the authors discusses the current literature on hepatitis C in non-hepatic solid organ transplant candidates and recipients. The article is perfectly written and gives sufficient data on the topic.

I have encountered two minor typing errors:

First, in page 5 line 4 and the second in the heading of Table 2 (page 19).

Response: Thank you. These have been corrected and highlighted. The entire document has again been reviewed for spelling and grammar and all noted issues corrected.

We greatly appreciate the comments provided by the reviewers and editors. I hope we have adequately addressed all of the comments with our response and revision and look forward to any additional comments you may have.

Sincerely,

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