

Reviewer #1

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Accept (High priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: Very good review article. Please check the spelling e.g. Hepatitis C is HCV instead of HSV Can you, please include some tables or graphs e.g. studies on HCV and response rates in regards to telemedicine? Can you, please mention the surge in regards to telehealth during the COVID pandemic and the guidelines posted by the GI societies Please consider to mention the utilization of non invasive testing such as fatty liver testing NAFLDD and FIB-4 and communication through telemedicine?

Answer:

Thank you for your valuable comments, which helped us to improve the article:

- We have again checked the spelling and corrected the Hepatitis C (HCV).
- We have added two tables to the article, which should make the overall reading experience more favorable.
- We have addressed the surge of ehealth with regards to the COVID pandemic and mentioned guidelines by the GI societies.
- We have added content about an internet-based approach for lifestyle changes in patients with NAFLD.

Editorial Office's comments

The author must revise the manuscript according to the Editorial Office's comments and suggestions, which listed below:

Answer:

See our answer to reviewer #1 and in the section below.

Science Editor:

Scientific quality: This is a review paper of the clinical practice in gastroenterology. The topic is within the scope of the WJG. (1) Classification: Grade B; (2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: Reviewer#03256583 thinks this is a very current concept, in particular with the COVID pandemic as all of us are trying to use/install telehealth platforms and communicate with our patients. This is a good review, but there are some points need to be addressed. The **authors need to check the spelling, and to add some figures or tables. The questions raised by the reviewers should be answered;** and (3) Format: There are no any tables or figures. The authors must add some figure or tables to show the key points. A total of 116 references are cited, including 58 references published in the last 3 years. There are 2 self-citations. 2 Language evaluation: Classification:

Grade B. A language editing certificate issued by AJE was provided. 3 Academic norms and rules: The authors provided the signed Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Form. The authors need to **provide the Copyright License Agreement signed by all authors**. No academic misconduct was found in the CrossCheck detection and Bing search. 4 Supplementary comments: This is an invited manuscript. The study is without financial support. The topic has not previously been published in the WJG. The corresponding author has not published articles in the BPG. 5 Issues raised: (1) The authors need to add some figures or tables; and (2) The authors need to provide the Copyright License Agreement signed by all authors. 6 Re-Review: Not required. 7 Recommendation: Conditionally accepted.

Answer:

Thank you for your valuable comments. We have checked the spelling and added two tables to the paper. We have submitted the CLA signed by all authors.

Editorial Office Director:

I have checked the comments written by the science editor.

Company Editor-in-Chief:

I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, the full text of the manuscript, and the relevant ethics documents, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Gastroenterology, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office's comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors. Before final acceptance, **the author(s) must add a table/figure to the manuscript**.

Answer:

Thank you for your valuable comments. We have included two tables in the revised manuscript.