

Point by point address:

Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade C (Good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Minor revision

Specific Comments to Authors: In present manuscript, Rehman S.T. et al reviewed that the global impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the prevention and elimination strategies of hepatitis B and C. COVID-19 affects all aspects of human life, especially in public health, since the COVID-19 outbreak destroys the normal operation of the medical system in many countries and regions. Human beings have been working hard to eliminate viral hepatitis for several years and have achieved remarkable results. However, the continuity of essential healthcare services for prevention and control of viral hepatitis may be interrupted to varying degrees. Therefore, it is necessary to evaluate the effect of COVID-19 on viral hepatitis and seek a suite of countermeasures to tackle those challenges.

However, there are several problems in the writing of this article. I have some concerns listed below.

1. The title is not concise enough. In addition, this manuscript mainly describes the impact of COVID-19 on HBV and HCV, the title can be more specific.

ANSWER: New Title: Impact of COVID-19 on Prevention and Elimination Strategies for Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C

2. Are the problems described in present manuscript variant in different regions, especially between the high-endemic region and low-endemic region of hepatitis, developed and developing countries.

ANSWER: Yes, they differ in different regions- prevalence, socioeconomic conditions of the region, healthcare infrastructure, and health care policies. These have been explained by naming individual countries or regions where appropriate and also taking into account low-income to high-income countries.

3. The description of “overcoming the challenges” should be more detailed.

ANSWER: Paragraph added for an overview detail. We the authors believe the flow chart given, explaining individual key areas that need to be addressed is a more organized and structured way of presenting the information.

Reviewer #2:

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: The review is interesting and presents pertinent information for a broader understanding of the repercussions of Covid-19. The study is structurally well organized with a satisfactory level of depth.

I suggest that the article be analyzed by the authors in order to adapt it to the rules of bpg.

ANSWER: The authors would like to thank the reviewer for their valuable feedback. In addition, we have tried our level best to make sure we have followed the rules of BPG.

4 LANGUAGE QUALITY

Please resolve all language issues in the manuscript based on the peer review report. Please be sure to have a native-English speaker edit the manuscript for grammar, sentence structure, word usage, spelling, capitalization, punctuation, format, and general readability so that the manuscript's language will meet our direct publishing needs.

ANSWER: The manuscript has been run via Grammarly an online language assessment application, and has also been proofread thoroughly by a native English speaker.

5 EDITORIAL OFFICE'S COMMENTS

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

(1) *Science editor:*

1 Scientific quality: The manuscript describes a minireview of the impact of COVID-19 on viral hepatitis and its effect on prevention and elimination strategies. The topic is within the scope of the WJH. (1) Classification: Grade B and Grade C; (2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: The review is interesting and presents pertinent information for a broader understanding of the repercussions of Covid-19. The questions raised by the reviewers should be answered; (3) Format: There are 2 figures; (4) References: A total of 52 references are cited, including 45 references published in the last 3 years; (5) Self-cited references: There is no self-cited reference; and (6) References recommendations: The authors have the right to refuse to cite improper references recommended by the peer reviewer(s), especially references published by the peer reviewer(s) him/herself (themselves). If the authors find the peer reviewer(s) request for the authors to cite improper references published by him/herself (themselves), please send the peer reviewer's ID number to editorialoffice@wjgnet.com. The Editorial Office will close and remove the peer reviewer from the F6Publishing system immediately. 2 Language evaluation: Classification: Two Grades B. 3 Academic norms and rules: No academic misconduct was found in the Bing search. 4 Supplementary comments: This is an invited manuscript. No financial support was obtained for the study. The topic has not previously been published in the WJH. 5 Issues raised:

(1) The authors did not provide original pictures. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor;

ANSWER: Figures prepared and arranged using PowerPoint. PPT file uploaded.

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(2) Editorial office director:

(3) Company editor-in-chief: I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, full text of the manuscript, and the relevant ethics documents, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Hepatology, 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.