

## Answering the Reviewers

### Round-1

Reviewer #1:

We respect the opinion of the reviewer. However, it is worth to emphasize that we present clinical, not scientific, study where a significance of monitoring of liver enzymes in COVID patients is discussed. The purpose of such studies is to share valuable experience or suggest approach which could help to make proper decisions in everyday clinical practice. We wrote this article with that goal in mind.

Reviewer #2:

We are greatly appreciated with the precise evaluation of our manuscript and useful suggestions how to improve it. Your definite comments helped us to improve the manuscript significantly.

1. Comment: Minor editing and language corrections are necessary.  
Reply: The recommended correction of English was performed through entire text. After revision we have repeatedly sent the manuscript for native English editing.
2. "The title should be written as "The effects of COVID-19 on the liver: A single-center experience."  
Reply: We have accepted the proposed title of the manuscript, it sounds much better. Thank you. However, the native English editor made further corrections and now the title sounds as follows: The Effect of COVID-19 on the Liver: The experience of a Single Center."
3. Comment: Abstract: please separate the background from the aim as per journal style.  
Reply: The proper correction of the abstract was done. Additionally, the conclusions were edited following reviewer' comments.
4. Comment: Please add another keyword to be 6 as per journal style.  
Reply: The keywords list was edited and extended.
5. Comment: Please reduce the core tip to up to 100 words as per journal style.  
Reply: The core tip was shortened according to the recommendation.
6. Comment: Introduction: challenging part is missing.  
Reply: The introduction of the manuscript was supplemented with challenging part.
7. Comment: Patients and Methods:  
Reply: Following kind suggestions of the reviewer the Methods chapter was supplemented with exclusion criteria, the information about COVID-19 diagnosis was edited, and other corrections were also performed.
8. Comment: Results  
Reply: We agreed with all reviewer's suggestions for improving this chapter and edited it accordingly. Also, the conclusions were rewritten for more precise summarizing of our findings.
9. Comment: References
10. Reply: The list of references was completely edited to fulfil WJG requirements.

After all revisions according to reviewer's suggestions, the manuscript was seriously corrected by native English editor.

We also would like to answer the reviewer's question formulated in the body of the manuscript:

Question: Did moderate cases were admitted as per your hospital guide lines?

Answer: Yes, the moderate cases have been hospitalized at the beginning of COVID-19 pandemic because of lack knowledge about course and outcomes of this infection. Later, only patients with respiratory failure and other life-threatening conditions are hospitalized.

## Round-2

Reviewer #1:

Dear Authors, Thank you for revising this interesting study entitled "The Effects of COVID-19 on the Liver: The Experience of a Single Center" for possible publication in the esteemed journal "World Journal of Gastroenterology". I have three comments: 1. The word "Experience" in the title should be written with a small letter. 2. Exclusion criteria: What about those patients with 1. Incomplete data on patient medical record? 2. Previous liver diseases. 3. Results: you mention Table 7 before Table 6 in the text. Please revise.

Answer: Dear Reviewer, we are happy with your kind and precise evaluation of our manuscript and accept your valuable suggestions to improve the article. 1. The word "Experience" in the title should be written with a small letter. If it is not against the rules of the journal, please let us leave the title of the article as it is. The final version of the manuscript, including the title, was edited by the native English medical editor, and he strictly recommended not to make any changes after his revision. 2. Exclusion criteria: What about those patients with 1. Incomplete data on patient medical record? 2. Previous liver diseases. Patients with incomplete medical records were not included in the analysis. We have added this to the exclusion criteria. Patients with underlying liver diseases, among other underlying diseases, were included in the analysis and discussed in detail in the article. Data on previous and cured liver diseases were not analyzed. 3. Results: you mention Table 7 before Table 6 in the text. Please revise. Thank you for noticing this inaccuracy. It was corrected. All corrections made were highlighted in the text in blue. In behalf of co-authors, Dr. Valentina Liakina.