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Reference: When a Liver Transplant Recipient Goes Back to Alcohol Abuse:
Should We Be More Selective?

Dear Sir/Madam

Attached, please find the response to the reviewers' comments. We hope that your readership will enjoy and benefit from this manuscript. We like to thank the editorial board and the staff for their time and confidence in us.

Warm regards

Salim Surani

Reviewer's Comments

Reviewer 1:

Comments:

The editorial by Surani et al deals with the controversial issue of patient selection for transplant with alcohol induced liver disease. It has become more relevant with results of transplant in acute alcoholic hepatitis without waiting for a prescribed abstinence period. The authors have mentioned results of the two recent French and US trial with early transplant for alcoholic hepatitis and rightly suggested patient selection. However, as they have themselves mentioned, there is no good objective method to assess recidivism. The issue is even more important today especially in areas where living donor transplants predominate, as here the benefits of transplant are balanced against the risk to donor, but the question of graft loss to relapse does not impact anyone else on the waiting list. Minor comments another round of proofreading and spell check is required.

Response: We appreciate the reviewer positive feedback and identifying issue as important. We have done proof reading and spell check as suggested.

Reviewer 2:

Comments:

Dear Author, thank you for the very interesting manuscript, dealing with a very important topic in the field of liver transplantation for alcoholic liver disease. There are some minor points: - the name of the most famous transplant surgeon is Thomas E. Starzl. Please use the right name in your manuscript: page nr. 6 , reference 11, 12, 13 - Page 6: Starzl and his co-workers reported in 1963 the first 3 cases of Liver transplantation. As I know, not all of them were successful, the first patient bled to death on the operating table. - -

Response: We appreciate the reviewer vigilance in identifying the spelling error in author name on page 6. This has been fixed as suggested.

Reviewer 3:

Comment

The manuscript is well presented and interesting. This very helpfully understands the criteria for selection LT candidates in alcohol abuse patients; however, some mistyping needs to be solved:

Response: The mistyping has been resolved. We appreciate the positive comments from the reviewer