

ANSWER TO THE REVIEWERS

Dear Editorial Board, Dear Reviewers,

Thank you for the opportunity to resubmit this minireview. We appreciate the time you spent reviewing it and your valuable comments. We have made the suggested additions and revised the manuscript according to the author guidelines. We, therefore, hope it is now suitable for publication in your journal.

Here is a point-by-point response to your comments.

Reviewer #1:

Authors have reviewed the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on liver transplantation, attending to several areas: a) Variable situation in several countries. b) Donor and recipient screening. c) Posttransplant risk of infection and mortality d) Immunosuppression management in COVID-positive recipients. In general, the article is actual and appropriately covers these areas.

We appreciate your comments. Thank you.

Minor comments Authors stated that "...differences (in LT) were unrelated to the local prevalence of COVID-19 but more likely reflected a different perception of risk and prioritization of hospital resources" (Page 2). It has been proposed a system based on risk tolerance, hospital capacity and degree of virus activity in the area (Kumar D. Am. J. Transplant. <https://doi-org.bibezproxy.uca.es/10.1111/ajt.15876>).

The suggested reference had already been included in the previous version of the manuscript as **reference 10** (Kumar D et al. Am J Transplant 2020;20:1773–9). We have now added a comment on the phased approach suggested by Kumar et al. with proper reference to this paper (please see p. 6, lines 11–13).

Asides molecular techniques to screen SARS-CoV2, an additional epidemiological analysis of each case has been suggested (Nat Rev Gastroenterol Hepatol. 2020;17(9):526-528). This approach must be commented.

Thank you for this comment. The suggested reference had already been included in the previous version of the manuscript as **reference 24** (Di Maira T et al. Nat Rev Gastroenterol Hepatol 2020;17:526–8). We have now added a comment on the importance of epidemiological screening with reference to Di Maira et al. (please see p. 7, lines 22–27).

Science editor:

1 Scientific quality: The manuscript describes a review of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on liver donation and transplantation. The topic is within the scope of the WJG. (1) Classification: Grade B; (2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: The authors review the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on liver transplantation from several areas, which is actual and appropriate. However, some references should be added in it;

The two references suggested by Reviewer #1 had already been included in the previous version of the manuscript as **reference 10** (Kumar D et al. Am J Transplant 2020;20:1773–9) and **reference 24** (Di Maira T et al. Nat Rev Gastroenterol Hepatol 2020;17:526–8). We have now added comments on the two points raised by Reviewer #1 with proper reference to these papers (please see p. 6, lines 11–13 and p. 7, lines 22–27).

and (3) Format: There are 3 tables. A total of 58 references are cited, including 57 references published in the last 3 years. There are 4 self-citations, which are related to this review. 2 Language evaluation: Classification: Grade A. A language editing certificate issued by AJE was provided. 3 Academic norms and rules: The authors need to provide the signed Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Form and Copyright License Agreement.

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No academic misconduct was found in the Bing search. 4 Supplementary comments: This is an invited manuscript. The topic has not previously been published in the WJG. 5 Issues raised: The column should be minireviews. 6 Re-Review: Required. 7 Recommendation: Conditional acceptance.

Thank you for your comments. We have updated the article type to minireview.

Editorial office director:

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Thank you.

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 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.

Thank you for the time spent reviewing our manuscript. We have revised it according to all the comments received.