

Dear Editor and Reviewers,

Thank you for your kind letter on April 17 and for the reviewers' comments concerning our manuscript entitled "COVID-19 and liver dysfunction: What nutritionists need to know" (Manuscript No: 65459). Those comments are all valuable and very helpful for improving our paper. We have studied comments carefully and have made correction which we hope meet with approval. The revised portions are marked in red in the paper.

Here below is our point-by-point responses to the issues raised in the peer-review report(s).

**Reviewers' comments:**

Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Accept (High priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: The manuscript is well written, concise and technically sounded. The paper reports liver dysfunction as a common presentation in COVID-19 patients and an adjunct nutritional therapy can help in management of disease. This paper can be accepted for publication in the journal.

Response: Thank you for your positive comments.

**Editorial office's comments:**

Science editor: 1 Scientific quality: The manuscript describes a minireviews of the COVID-19 and liver dysfunction: What nutritionists need to know. The topic is within the scope of the WJG. (1) Classification: Grade B; (2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: The manuscript is well written, concise and technically sounded. The paper reports liver dysfunction as a common presentation in COVID-19 patients and an

adjunct nutritional therapy can help in management of disease; and (3) Format: There are 2 figures. (4) References: A total of 76 references are cited, including 71 references published in the last 3 years; (5) Self-cited references: There are no self-cited references; and (6) References recommend: The authors have the right to refuse to cite improper references recommended by peer reviewer(s), especially the references published by the peer reviewer(s) themselves. If the authors found the peer reviewer(s) request the authors to cite improper references published by themselves, please send the peer reviewer's ID number to the editorialoffice@wjgnet.com. The Editorial Office will close and remove the peer reviewer from the F6Publishing system immediately.

2 Language evaluation: Classification: A. 3 Academic norms and rules: No academic misconduct was found in the Bing search. 4 Supplementary comments: This is an invited manuscript. The study was supported by 1 grant. No financial support was obtained for the study. The topic has not previously been published in the WJG. 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; and (2) Please obtain permission for the use of picture(s). If an author of a submission is re-using a figure or figures published elsewhere, or that is copyrighted, the author must provide documentation that the previous publisher or copyright holder has given permission for the figure to be re-published; and correctly indicating the reference source and copyrights. For example, "Figure 1 Histopathological examination by hematoxylin-eosin staining (200 ×). A: Control group; B: Model group; C: Pioglitazone hydrochloride group; D: Chinese herbal medicine group. Citation: Yang JM, Sun Y, Wang M, Zhang XL, Zhang SJ, Gao YS, Chen L, Wu MY, Zhou L, Zhou YM, Wang Y, Zheng FJ, Li YH. Regulatory effect of a Chinese herbal medicine formula on non-alcoholic fatty liver disease. World J Gastroenterol 2019; 25(34): 5105-5119. Copyright ©The Author(s) 2019. Published by Baishideng Publishing Group Inc[6]". And please cite the reference source in the references list. If the author fails to properly cite the published or copyrighted picture(s) or table(s) as described above, he/she will be subject to withdrawal of the

article from BPG publications and may even be held liable. 6 Recommendation: Conditional acceptance.

Response: We have studied these comments carefully and tried our best to revise the manuscript accordingly. There are no improper references recommended by peer reviewer(s). We have also uploaded the original figure document(65459-Figures) to the F6Publishing system using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor. Additionally, all figures were drawn by ourselves and not re-used or published elsewhere, so we didn't provide documentation that the previous publisher or copyright holder.

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. However, the quality of the English language of the manuscript does not meet the requirements of the journal. Before final acceptance, the author(s) must provide the English Language Certificate issued by a professional English language editing company. Please visit the following website for the professional English language editing companies we recommend: <https://www.wjgnet.com/bpg/gerinfo/240>.

Response: Thank you for your positive comments and suggestions. We apologize for the poor language of our manuscript and have used language editing services according to the suggestion. The English Language Certificate issued by a professional English language editing company(American Journal Experts) has been uploaded to the F6Publishing system. The modified portions are marked in red in the revised manuscript.

Thank the reviewers and the editors again for the effort in shaping our manuscript.

Best Regards

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