

We are grateful to the Reviewers and Editors because their comments have allowed us to improve this work and helped to clarify some points which definitely needed to be better explained. All changes are marked in yellow throughout the manuscript.

REVIEWER 1

Q: I do not see any critical issue raised by author. Nothing is new in this manuscript.

A: *We agree with the Reviewer that the present manuscript does not contain original data. However, being this a Letter to the Editor that comments on an article published in the latest issue of the Journal, it could not contain any data or new results. On the other hand, some critical issues have been raised to the authors of the original manuscript we commented on (i.e., Zhuang YP and Zhong HJ. Impact of COVID-19 on the clinical status of patients with Wilson disease. World J Gastroenterol 2021; 27: 4248-4251. doi: 10.3748/wjg.v27.i26.4248), namely: i) given the strong psychological and socio-behavioral impact of the pandemic on the clinical symptoms of different neuropsychiatric disorders, we would have expected a worsening, or at least an increase in frequency or severity, of psychiatric and/or neurological manifestations in Wilson's disease patients. Conversely, according to the authors' results, neurological and psychiatric manifestations remained basically unchanged after the pandemic; ii) a detailed definition of neurological and psychiatric manifestations (e.g., type, onset, severity, duration, etc.) is lacking, thus precluding further considerations; iii) it is not specified how neurological and psychiatric manifestations were evaluated (e.g., were specific scales used?), both at the entry and at the end of the study; iv) although the patients' resilience might represent a possible reason supporting the results observed by Drs. Zhuang and Zhong, the patients enrolled in their study did not seem to be affected by a severe psychopathology; v) the fact that the increased infection incidence detected in their study did not induce an even transient worsening of the patients' clinical picture remains to be explained. Nevertheless, according to the Reviewer's comment, we have revised the text in order to better highlight these critical issues.*

REVIEWER 2

Q: As a letter to the editor, the work does not present any original data but a comment to another work from Zuang and Zong. The later work is an appropriate and relevant analysis of the results in Wilson disease management. I miss some important comments about the methods that are neither mentioned in the Zuang and Zong work nor discussed by Lanza et al. As for the discussion raised by the work, it is appropriate and relevant. The size of the sample, the fact that are all hospitalized patients during the pandemic and not all patients with WD, and the discussion about the patient resilience is relevant and rise questions that need answers. I would suggest to add a sentence discussing what should be the next steps, multicenter retrospective/prospective study, retrospective/prospective cohort study with WD patient either hospitalized or not, case control...

A: *We fully agree with the Reviewer's suggestions, which have been included in the revised manuscript.*

EDITORS

Q: The author in this letter described that the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the neuropsychiatric status of Wilson's disease, but based on reviewers comments there is no new present any original data.

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Q: 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>.

A: *We thank the Company Editor-in-Chief for these comments. We have made the whole text carefully checked and accurately recise for grammar correctness and language appropriateness.*