

Upon the advice of the reviewers to polish our use of language, we have taken it upon ourselves to have our manuscript proofread by two colleagues who are native speakers of American English and who both have experience in writing and/or editing scientific articles for publication. During the course of their evaluation, our colleagues have recommended several changes in grammar, which have been incorporated into the final revision for submission. The authors have approved over 40 modifications to the language. Changes include the elimination of run-on sentences, clarification of topic and reorganization of order within paragraphs, and consistency of person and tense.

The authors recognize the importance of clarity in communication with readers from all parts of the world who share an interest in the advancement of science and medicine. We also recognize the importance placed on this concept by the publishers of the World Journal of Transplantation. As such, we understand that if our submitted manuscript is not recognized by the editors of the journal to meet the standards required for language evaluation, that it will not be published in the World Journal of Transplantation. We are confident, however, that our use of language and the additional clarity of our final revision will be acceptable and we look forward to the results of your evaluation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rita Bottino', with a stylized, cursive script.

Rita Bottino