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ESPS PEER-REVIEW REPORT

Name of journal: World Journal of Hepatology

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Title: Is it time to rethink combined liver-kidney transplant in hepatitis C patients with advanced fibrosis

COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript is a meta-analysis about the outcome of kidney Tx in HCV-fibrotic/cirrhotic patients. The study is of great clinical importance, even in case of the lack of enough data regarding the effect of HCV infection on kidney Tx/posttransplant immunosuppressive treatment. One minor comment: - what is the recommendation of the authors? And why? It must be included in the discussion/conclusion. After minor revision I suggest to accept the manuscript for publication in WJH.

***WE HAVE INCLUDED OUR RECOMMENDATION IN THE MANUSCRIPT- THANK YOU
WE SHOULD TREAT ALL HCV PATIENTS IRRESPECTIVE OF THE FIBROTIC STAGING;
ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT WE ANTICIPATE MAY BE ON THE WAITING LIST FOR A LONGER
TIME***



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This is a correct, well-written review on the different autoimmune forms of liver disease, clinical manifestations and evolution, and treatment. I do not find any major criticism

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- All presented data regarding the HPCs and their relation to fibrosis and contact with NPCs were not clearly compared with controls. - It is not clear how the HPCs expansion was quantitatively or semi-quantitatively evaluated in the study to say for example "marked proliferation of HPCs". How this proliferation was estimated as marked?

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