

Dear Editor:

We are very excited to have been given the opportunity to revise our Letter to the Editor, titled “Protecting Kidneys in Liver Transplant Patients: A pathway to preventive interventions”.

We carefully considered your comments as well as those offered by the two reviewers. We revised the Letter based on those comments and recommendations.

Response to the Editor’s and Reviewers’ comments:

1. Abstract was added

*Acute kidney injury (AKI) is a frequent postoperative complication after liver transplantation. The etiology is multifactorial, including perioperative renal status, surgery related events, and postoperative immunosuppression therapy. The role of renal hypoperfusion and hepatic ischemia –reperfusion injury as causes of early AKI are now being increasingly recognized. Further studies should focus on therapies that would attenuate this injury.*

2. Core Tip was added

*Acute kidney injury early post liver transplantation is a major cause of morbidity and mortality. The etiology is multifactorial. The renal hypoperfusion and hepatic ischemia-reperfusion injury are being increasingly recognized. Further studies need to focus on therapies that would attenuate this injury.*

3. Key words were added

*Acute kidney injury, liver transplantation, hepatic ischemia- reperfusion injury, marginal grafts, small interfering ribonucleic acid*

4. Please put the reference numbers in square brackets in superscript. Please check across the text.

*Response: All references were placed in brackets and superscripted.*

5. Please add PubMed citation numbers and DOI citation to the reference list and list all authors.

*Response: All PubMed citation numbers and DOI citations were added to the references.*

6. Some abbreviations (ATN, DGF, ROS) are not needed because the abbreviated term is used only once. I suggest to delete them to improve the readability of the paper. The abbreviation “DBD” should be defined, on the other hand the abbreviation is not needed. Please use only one abbreviation for hepatic ischemia- reperfusion injury (IR or IRI). The abbreviation “CV” given in the title page is not used in the text.

*Response: Thank you for your comments. All changes have been made.*

Again, we appreciate the opportunity to revise our work for consideration for publication in World Journal of Hepatology. We have revised the manuscript to incorporate the suggestions and look forward to your final decision.

Sincerely,

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