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Title: HCV related cirrhosis decreased as indication to LT since the introduction of direct-acting antivirals: a single-center study.

To Professor
Andrzej S Tarnawski
Editor-in-Chief

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Dear Professor Tarnawski,

We thank the reviewers for their comments on our manuscript. Their suggestions have greatly improved the manuscript. We append our responses and we have altered the text accordingly.

Please consider that the abstract body has been modified according to the Editorial rules. Furthermore, the "Article Highlights" Section has been completed.

Best Regards



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Reviewer #1

1. *As this is a kind of retrospective study, it is better to clearly describe it and therefore, the authors conclusions are based on the statistical analyses and estimation.*

Data were retrospectively evaluated from a prospectively collected database. We modified the sentence in the Abstract and in the Discussion Section, accordingly.

2. *They need to describe the limitation of single center study, although the number of the cases is sufficient.*

Patients were retrospectively collected after their waiting list registration at Padua University Hospital. The absence of significant changes in WL and LT policies during the study period might partly overcome this limitation. This point has been specified both in the Abstract and in the Material and Methods section. Furthermore, we added a further comment on this topic in the Discussion section.

3. *The antiviral treatment prior to DAAs, including IFN should be shown in tables.*

Considering the whole cohort of patients with HCV related cirrhosis, 30/490 (6.1%) achieved SVR before WL registration using IFN-based regimens. No patients achieved SVR using IFN-based regimens while in the WL for LT. We added these new data modifying Tables 2 and 4, accordingly.

Editorial Office Comments

- 1) We've amended the title page, according to the Editorial rules.
- 2) We've modified the Abstract body, according to the Editorial Rules.
- 3) We've completed the "Highlights Manuscript" Section.