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Dear Dr **Ke-Qin Hu, Koo Jeong Kang and Nikolaos T Pyrsopoulos**

Re: Manuscript # 52100 “**Epidemiological profile of alcoholic liver disease
hospital admissions at a Latin America country over a 10-year period**”.

We appreciate the opportunity to reply to the editors. Herewith a revised version
of this manuscript which has been edited to address the comments of the
reviewers, as follows:

Reviewer 1: This study was conducted using a secondary database in the
public domain, which is available on the internet. This database does not provide

further details regarding the studied population. Regarding the region map, we appreciate this good suggestion and have now provided this information.

Reviewer 2: The reviewer suggests to describe the geographical distribution of Brazil in the material and methods. He / She also stated the results section might benefit from the use of some subheadings such as the total number of hospitalization, mortality rate, etc. We welcome these good suggestions and have now provided this information. This study was conducted using a secondary database in the public domain, which is available on the internet. This database does not provide further details regarding the studied population, Therefore, unfortunately, we are unable to look in-depth the reason for admission. We are also incapable to know what kind of intervention the Midwest region might have put in place. We have now discussed these issue in the paper in an added paragraph in the discussion section. We have addressed the minor comments of the reviewer.

Reviewer 3: We value the reviewer's comments regarding (ICD-10 K70) and have now better clarified the issue. We also defined "hospitalization" as hospital admission. The same definitions were used throughout the years and regions. This study was conducted using a secondary database in the public domain, which is available on the web. This database does not provide further details regarding the studied population. Therefore, unfortunately, we are unable to look at issues such as if hepatitis viruses (B, C...) were searched in these individuals. Usually, the main reason for hospital admission is inserted in the

domain. But we can't be 100% sure that hospitalizations were due solely to ALD. We have discussed this issue in the paper in the following paragraph:

“It is important to be aware that this study was conducted using a government secondary database in the public domain which is fed by numerous health professionals in each region. Therefore, the accuracy of the provided information cannot be evaluated. Also, the database does not provide further details regarding the studied population. Therefore, we were unable to look in-depth if the reason for hospital admission was only due to alcoholic liver disease or other associated conditions might have influenced. Nevertheless, it is interesting to note that usually the main reason for the hospital admission is inserted in the database.”

Sincerely Yours

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