

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 5742-review.doc).

Title: Long-term survival after liver transplantation for alcoholic liver disease

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

- (1) **Reviewed 01560464**: 1) The review explained more in detail the causes and preventive measures of alcoholic relapse/recidivism, de novo extrahepatic cancer, graft harm after LT for ALD. It is very important to increase the long-term survival after LT for ALD, and decrease the morbidity and mortality after LT for ALD. 2) I suggest that the article can be published in the form of review in World J Gastroenterology.

We agree with the reviewer comments.

- (2) **Reviewed 02440657**: This manuscript describes the state of survival after liver transplantation for alcoholic liver disease, the topic is with remarkable application value, for the quality of life and survival after a liver transplantation (LT) in patients with alcoholic liver disease (ALD) are of great importance both in clinic and society. The authors consider the possible factors pre- and after LT that may be associated with long term survival, and evaluate all the risk factors. Through the data and analysis in literature and their own, the authors make relatively objective conclusions as how to promote long term survival after LT in patients with ALD. In addition, the article also regard the pre-LT abstinence period not as a determining factor to include a patient on the list. The authors have certainly done a great deal of work, the topic is novel and the organization logical, and it is a pretty good review article.

We agree with the reviewer comments.

- (3) **Reviewed 00008590**: This is a well written manuscript, which reviews factors that influence the long term survival of patients with LT as a consequence of alcoholic liver disease. However, major shortcomings are obvious. Major points: 1. The method section in this review is missing and should be given in detail, best as half of a page. In particular, there is no information of literature search, search items, period of search, and time when the search was done. 2. It appears that quoted literature mostly refers to 10 years and more ago, missing most of the relevant literature of the present time. 3. There are no own data presented, please correct this shortcoming or explain in the text. 4. There are no tables or figures, which illustrate the data for the reader. Minor point: 1.

Core tip: (Transplanted, this is unclear. 2. Few misspellings.

According the suggestion of the reviewer, we have included information of literature search and more references.

There are own data presented (see references 35 and 38).

- (4) **Reviewed 00068912:** The review Iruzubieta P., Crespo J., Fabrega E. entitled "LONG-TERM SURVIVAL AFTER LIVER TRANSPLANTATION FOR ALCOHOLIC LIVER DISEASE" is devoted to the terms of survival after liver transplantation in patients with alcoholic liver disease. The manuscript is well written and contains chapters, reflecting different aspects of the problem. Considered in a review of the problem has not only clinical and social importance. It is desirable to add in review the illustrative material (tables and figures). Not a very good is term "aerodigestive tract". The authors did not give any reference on the journal in which sent its review. It is necessary to add to references the papers published in the World Journal of Gastroenterology. WJG publishes papers on all problems of gastroenterology.

According to the suggestion of the reviewer we have included references of WJG (see references 4 and 6), and two references with the term "aerodigestive" (see references 79 and 80).

- (5) **Reviewed 00053724:** In their review article "Long term survival after liver transplantation for alcoholic liver disease" the authors give an overview of the problems that arise after liver transplantation in patients with alcoholic liver cirrhosis. The article is well written and informative, the relevant literature is cited. To make the review more easy to read, I would suggest to add a table that compares the outcome of patients transplanted because of alcoholic cirrhosis to patients transplanted because of other causes. Page 12 CDT: Erase the word "reliable" in the sentence " ...(CDT) is a reliable marker.... CDT is not an reliable marker for alcohol intake. The authors give an explanation in the next sentences.

According to the suggestion of the reviewer, we have erase the word "reliable" in the sentence "...(CDT) is a reliable marker.

According to the suggestion of the reviewer we have included a table that compares the outcome of patients transplanted because of alcoholic cirrhosis to patients transplanted because of other causes

- (6) **Reviewed 01800499:** Add more details of organ complications of liver transplant from alcohol-related liver disease, especially in comparison to non-alcohol liver disease.

Our manuscript describes factors that influence the long term survival of patients with LT as a consequence of alcoholic liver disease (see comments from reviewers 01560464, 02440657, 00008590, and 00053724). According the suggestion of the reviewer, we have included more details of liver graft.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

4 We have included two tables and two figures

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

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