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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 5858-review.doc).

Title: Liver Transplantation for Hepatocellular Carcinoma: Role of Inflammatory and Immunological State on Recurrence and Prognosis

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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 Reviewers

Reviewer (1) *The article deals with role of Inflammatory state on HCC recurrence following liver Tx. The topic is of interest and summarizes the most recent data in the field. One has to agree that there is not much evidence behind this review article, however it nicely summarizes known scientific knowledge. I would recommend re-considering and re-designing both tables which are informative, however cumbersome and not "reader friendly". English language needs some minor polishing and text editing. I suggest accepting the manuscript for publication in WJG.*

Response:

We thank the Reviewer for the comments. We re-designed the two tables and tried to make them less busy and more readable. In Table 2, one column ("median follow-up") was eliminated.

The paper has been re-reviewed with minor corrections for the English language.

Reviewers (2) – (3)

Response: We thank **Reviewers # 2** and **# 3** for their favorable comments.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

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