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To the editor

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Dear editor,

Please consider this Research for publication in *World J Transplant*.

Cytomegalovirus (CMV) infection is a common complication of immunosuppressive therapy in liver transplant recipients, which may result in significant morbidity and mortality. Although reactivation of CMV infection is generally described in the context of immunosuppression, it has also been described in critically ill immunocompetent patients including cirrhotic patients. However, the clinical meaning of reactivated CMV viremia prior to liver transplantation remains unknown. Therefore, we investigate the frequency and impact of CMV reactivation in patients with chronic liver disease in the waiting list for liver transplantation. The relevance of these findings is discussed. We hope this will be of interest to *World J Transplant* readers.

This letter also aims to confirm that the manuscript has been reviewed by an English native-speaker. Also, that we have obtained ethical approval for the conduction of this study. All data have been reviewed by two experts in biostatistics (CMBS and ACP).

We are looking forward to hearing from you. Please do not hesitate to contact us if any modification is needed.

Sincerely yours,



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