

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor:

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: ESPS Manuscript No.-7330 edited 2).

Title: Recurrent Hepatitis C after Liver Transplant

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

1. I have included author contributions section
2. I have provided a powerpoint file so that figure 1 can be edited per your request
3. I have added data which was recently presented at the AASLD 2013 meeting which demonstrates excellent prevention of HCV allograft reinfection after transplant in patients treated with pre-transplant sofosbuvir and ribavirin.
4. Reviewer comments
 - a. Review 1: I have added the years to table 1. I have completely re-done table 2 to make it more readable. Thank you for bringing those two references to my attention and I have added both to the manuscript with appropriate citation.
 - b. Review 2: I have re-done table 2 and simplified the text from page 6. I have described the risk associated with donor age and CIT in the context of allograft steatosis on page 9. I've clarified all of the remaining points in the text.
 - c. Review 3: I edited the text to discuss the risk of immune-mediated graft dysfunction associated with interferon treatment post-transplant and also wrote about maintenance interferon in patients who don't respond to standard dual therapy
 - d. Review 5: I have added a section on maintenance therapy. Thank you

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

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