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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format

Title: MANAGEMENT OF PATIENTS WITH HEPATITIS B AND C BEFORE AND AFTER
LIVER AND KIDNEY TRANSPLANTATION

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We are pleased that you have found our manuscript interesting and worthy of reconsideration for publication. We have revised it according to reviewers' suggestion.

Reviewer's 1 comments: "Dear Authors: Thank you for submitting your paper to the World Journal of Hepatology. However, there are multiple issues that mostly related to the English language of the paper, it has to be totally revised and re-edited by an English-speaking editor to make sense of the paper. I did few editing in the sections of the abstract and the introduction as an example of what we can accomplish by re-writing and editing the paper. You do not have to use my editing but I put it there as an example for you to follow and you can choose you own method of revising the article"

Answer: Thank you for your kind assistance and the editing suggestions. All the manuscript has been re-edited carefully and totally revised

Reviewer's 2 comments: Intro "improved dramatically the clinical course of patients with HBV decompensated cirrhosis reducing the need for LT" It is a controversial idea! How anything can improve the condition of "decompensated cirrhosis"? - I wish you had a section on evaluating the balance between side effects and therapeutic effects. - What would be your recommendation for future research? What is needed to be known yet? For example I think it would be good to find the epidemiology of patients who develop serious side effects in each population and to make individualized treatment in such cases.

Answer: We are grateful for the very useful comments you have made for the manuscript.

-The sentence from Intro "improved dramatically the clinical course of patients with HBV decompensated cirrhosis reducing the need for LT" has been removed

- A section on evaluating the balance between side effects and therapeutic effects of antivirals has been added
(Special treatment considerations page 15)

- Recommendations for future research and what it is needed to be known also for this patient category has been added in page 17

-Individualized treatment for patients who may develop serious side effects has been recommended in separate section (page 14&15)

(3) Reviewer's 3 comments: The authors clearly summarized how physicians should manage patients with either hepatitis B or C who undergo liver or renal transplantation according to newly published evidence. There are no special questions about this review; if they add how to attempt individualized management of post-transplanted patients in their clinical setting including surveillance interval, this review will be much more useful for physicians.

Answer: Thank you for the apt additions you have made to the manuscript. The Individualized management of post-transplanted patients in our clinical setting including surveillance interval has been summarized in pages 8-9 and 13-14

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

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