Title: Impact of chronic liver disease on SARS-CoV-2 infection outcomes: role of stage, etiology and vaccination

Point by point response to reviewers

<u>Editor</u>

I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, the full text of the manuscript, the relevant ethics documents, and the English Language Certificate, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Gastroenterology, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office's comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors. Before final acceptance, the author(s) must add a table/figure (medical imaging) to the manuscript. There are no restrictions on the figures (color, B/W). Before final acceptance, when revising the manuscript, the author must supplement and improve the highlights of the latest cutting-edge research results, thereby further improving the content of the manuscript. To this end, authors are advised to apply a new tool, the Reference Citation Analysis (RCA). RCA is an artificial intelligence technology-based open multidisciplinary citation analysis database. In it, upon obtaining search results from the keywords entered by the author, "Impact Index Per Article" under "Ranked by" should be selected to find the latest highlight articles, which can then be used to further improve an article under preparation/peerreview/revision. Please visit our RCA database for more information at: https://www.referencecitationanalysis.com

We wish to thank the Editor for the evaluation. Accordingly, a summary figure has been added in the text. We also used Reference Citation Analysis to further check the bibliography. Here is the point-by-point answer to the reviewers.

Reviewer 1

Article is very well researched and well written. But difficult to follow due to lack of a descriptive pathophysiology figure. Overall can be published if figure is added.

We wish to thank the reviewer for the comment. According to the suggestion, a summary figure has been added to the manuscript.

Reviewer 2

The article is consistent within itself. The references are relevant and recent. The cited sources are referenced correctly. Appropriate and key studies are included. The paper is comprehensive, the flow is logical and the data is presented critically. No major flaws were associated with the paper.

We wish to thank the reviewer for the comment. We are glad that the manuscript has been appreciated.