Title: Inferior Outcomes of Liver Transplantation for Hepatocellular Carcinoma during early-COVID-19 pandemic in the United States.

Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the revised manuscript entitled "Inferior Outcomes of Liver Transplantation for Hepatocellular Carcinoma during early-COVID-19 pandemic in the United States". We appreciate the reviewers' feedback and efforts in pointing out the areas for improvement in the manuscript.

We have made changes to the manuscript taking into consideration all the comments. All major changes in the new manuscript are highlighted in the new manuscript. We hope the changes are sufficient with respect to the comments raised by the reviewers. We look forward to your positive response.

With our best regards,

Sincerely,

Kenji Okumura

Comments to Author:
This is a retrospective study in aspect of liver transplant outcome in adult pre- and covid era. The study was well designed and well written. The result and conclusion were concise and helped audience know the impact of COVID-19 in these patients, hopefully the research will make us realise and plan for further pandemic for better patient care. I comment only a few in aspect of tables and graphs that the full word of all abbreviation should be noted. Furthermore, table and references should be present under the instruction and style of World Journal.

Answer: We appreciate the feedback and uploaded changed the tables and figures as suggested.

1: Figures must be drastically improved to help the reading. 2: Please compare other similar work. 3: The paper, does not link well with recent literature . [1] https://doi.org/10.3233/ JIFS-220279 [2] https://doi.org/10.1007/s11042-022-13937-2 4: The manuscript presents some bad English constructions, grammar mistakes, and misuse of articles.

Answer: We appreciate the feedback and have changed the figures and references. We modified the sentences and revised the manuscript including the grammers.