

## ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 8679-review.doc).

**Title: Efficacy of Immunosuppression Monotherapy after Liver Transplantation: A Meta-Analysis**

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

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(1) Reviewer **02823396**: I have read with great interest this review manuscript focused on the efficacy of an immunosuppression monotherapy to prevent rejection after liver transplantation. I congratulate the authors for this meta-analysis because is solid and with clear conclusions. However, I would desire not only the clinical impact of the different treatments, because adding a cost-effectiveness analysis could solve more questions.

**Answer: None of including RCTs in our meta-analysis performed the cost-effectiveness analysis. And so we lacked of related data for costing.**

(2) Reviewer **02542400**: This study was conducting a systematic review and meta-analysis to assess the advantages and of an immunosuppression with or without steroids after transplantation. This study is not my specialty. However, as a meta-analysis article , which was with the clearly argument, the correct method, and the reliable conclusions.

(3) Reviewer **00503228**: In your keywords, have you not used "CMV or cytomegalovirus" "diabetes, or drug related diabetes mellitus"? - "There were significant effects on the CMV infection (RR..." Please say what of the two groups represented higher frequency of CMV/Diabetes for Tac and CsA

**Answer: As suggested by this reviewer, we have revised keywords:** liver transplantation, immunosuppression monotherapy, **cytomegalovirus, diabetes**, meta-analysis

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

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