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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 9346-review.doc).

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

1 Format has been updated, specifically in the reference numbering format

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer(s).

(1) comment received that lack of exclusion criteria made articles difficult to interpret. We recognize that this makes data difficult to interpret across studies, but feel that this was not the point of our article. We feel that the article writing strategy was based on 'all available literature' as a means to help the clinicians identify the appropriate literature which best represents their patient population and practice patterns, consequently we have respectfully not made this change.

(2) Abstract should be expanded to make a recommendation. We have made this change.

(3) Table 1 has several 0% patient survival. We have made these corrections.

(4) Line 220 requires modification. This now says, randomized to cyclosporine withdrawal it was discontinued...

(5) Line 241. We inadvertently combined two sentences regarding biopsy requirement and other inclusion criteria. This has been fixed.

(6) Other changes requested by the editor have been made as reflected in response the comments in the manuscript

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for considering our manuscript for publication in the *World Journal of Transplantation*. If the article is accepted we respectfully request a manuscript submission number and waiver of publication fees for our second of two articles in this series on CNI-sparing.

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