

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

1. This cross-sectional study showed clinical outcomes of COVID-19 in liver transplant recipients are not different than those without transplantation, which is the same as the other investigators reported. 2. The abstract should be modified to be more concise and shorter. 3. The English grammar needed to be substantially polished, especially the spaces and punctuation. 4. The tables should be combined into only 2-3 tables. 5. The discussion should clarify the reason for the results of your study. 6. The format of references was incorrect.

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The research highlighted liver transplant recipients complicated with COVID-19 had comparable survival with non-infectious COVID-19, and COVID-19 didn't impact timely health care access and immunosuppression continuation among these patients.

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The manuscript entitled Clinical outcomes of coronavirus disease – 2019 in liver transplant recipients by Shafiq M et al investigated a cohort of liver transplant recipients for COVID-19 and compared the outcome with non-liver transplant recipients. The introduction is good but lacks several hallmark manuscripts regarding liver transplant recipients with COVID-19 and transplant recipients in general. Major points table 1 - There is no information regarding the current status of those comorbidities (for example, diabetic patients and glycemic control) or the usage of medication for those comorbidities. table 3 - Lacks information regarding the non-liver transplant recipients (similar to figure 1). table 5 - The information is too general, and could be used as sub-groups for other tables. The data should be better explored, with data on common inflammatory and coagulatory biomarkers, such as neutrophils, neutrophils-to-lymphocyte ratio, platelets, AST, ALT, creatinine, etc. For the patients that were hospitalized a longitudinal exploration of those data would be preferred. Discussion and conclusion As a consequence of the major changes in the results, the manuscript should improve the discussion section.

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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Everything is fine.