

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



February 10, 2015

Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (Manuscript number: 15942).

Title: Liver transplantation for hepatitis-B virus: decreasing indication and changing trends

Author: Waleed Al-hamoudi, Hussien Elsiesy, Abdulrahman Bendahmash, Nasser Al-masri, Safiyya Ali, Naglaa Allam, Mohammed Al Sofayan, Hamad Al Bahili, Mohammed Al Sebayel, Dieter Broering, Sammy Saab, Faisal Abaalkhail

Name of Journal: *World Journal of Gastroenterology*

ESPS Manuscript NO: 15942

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

1 Format has been updated according to the journals standards
2 Language editing was completed with the assistance of American journal experts (certificate available)

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

Reviewer 1: (a) stated that it was unclear if this was a retrospective or prospective data, we answered the question in the first paragraph of the method section that this is a retrospective study (despite that the data were collected prospectively since 2001 as part of our transplant registry). (b) Abbreviations was frequently used in the manuscript but no expansion of abbreviations. For example What is the OLT, HCC, HBV?? There are even abbreviations in the title. All abbreviations in the manuscript were expanded and defined when they appeared for the first time in the manuscript we also removed the abbreviation in the title as suggested by the reviewer.

Reviewer 2: (a) stated the authors aim to analyze the tendency in liver transplant from HBV-related hepatic decompensation to HCC, not a indication of LT, so the title is very necessary to be revised. We discussed in the results the decreasing indication of HBV related transplantation in our program throughout the last ten years we also compared that with other international data, so in addition to describing the changing trend from decompensation to HCC we elaborated on the decreasing indication, therefore we maintained the title as it is (see highlighted part). (b) In the matter of statistical analysis, t value or χ^2 value are need to enhance your article authority. Statistical analysis was reviewed by our senior statistician and t test was used we also expanded on the analysis in the abstract. (c) Several words should be corrected in the revision. We revised the manuscript and improved the language and wordings were changed in multiple segments.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Waleed Al-hamoudi
Department of medicine, gastroenterology unit
College of medicine, King Saud University
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
e-mail walhamoudi@gmail.com