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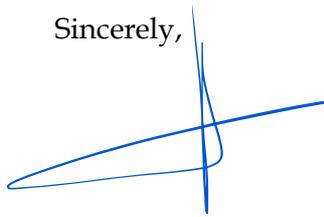
Dear Editors,

Firstly, once again, the authors would like to thank the Editorial Board of World Journal of Gastroenterology and World Journal of Hepatology for showing interest in the manuscript we have submitted for publication entitled "**Severe COVID-19 after Liver Transplantation: Surviving the Pitfalls of Learning On-The-Go. A Cases Report**". Thank you very much for your email enclosing the editor's and reviewers' comments.

We have carefully read the reviewers' comments and made the suggested modifications. We hope the revised version, which we have enclosed, is now suitable for publication and look forward to hearing from you in due course. We have revised the manuscript carefully for grammar and style, and it has been proofread by a native English speaker.

The following are the authors' point-by-point responses to the reviewers' comments and suggestions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'F' shape with a vertical line through it, and a horizontal line extending to the left.

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1. Response to Reviewer 1

Overall comments to the Author:

Scientific Quality: *Grade C (Good)*

Language Quality: *Grade A (Priority publishing)*

Conclusion: *Accept (High priority)*

Specific Comments to Authors: *Summary: This a case series of 3 cases of severe Covid-19 infection in patients who had undergone liver transplant surgery. They have reported 3 such cases at their hospital out of which 1 survived. They have addressed an important issue about nosocomial nature of the infection where it had spread in their liver transplant ward. 1. Introduction has been written well. It mentions the scenario related to Covid-19 and transplant case numbers at the time of writing the case report. They also state that their objective was to communicate their experiences. 2. Case presentations have been written very well in short and crisp manner. 3. Discussion part though a bit lengthy is written well and the authors cover all points relevant to their case report. A very important point is made regarding how the Hospital precautionary measures are focused on preventing infection from patient to the healthcare workers. And additional measures are needed especially in transplant patients to prevent nosocomial infection. 4. Conclusion is adequately written 5. Figures and Tables: Very innovatively presented. They are informative as well as easy to understand.*

- Thank you very much for your review and comments. We deeply appreciate your appreciation and evaluation of our manuscript.

2. Response to Science editor

Overall comments to the Author: *1 Scientific quality: The manuscript describes a case report of the severe Covid-19 after liver transplantation. The topic is within the scope of the WJG. (1) Classification: Grade C; (2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: The authors reported 3 cases of severe Covid-19 infection in patients who had undergone liver transplant surgery. They have addressed an important issue about nosocomial nature of the infection where it had spread in their liver transplant ward. The manuscript is written well, the conclusion is adequately written; and (3) Format: There is 1 table and 2 figures. A total of 30 references are cited, including 28 references*

published in the last 3 years. There are no self-citations. 2 Language evaluation: Classification: Grade A. A language editing certificate issued by Cambridge Proofreading Worldwide LLC was provided. 3 Academic norms and rules: The authors provided the signed Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Form and Copyright License Agreement, the CARE Checklist-2016, and the written informed consent. No academic misconduct was found in the CrossCheck detection and Bing search. 4 Supplementary comments: This is an invited manuscript. The topic has not previously been published in the WJG. 5 Issues raised: (1) The authors did not provide original pictures. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor; and (2) The "Case Presentation" section was not written according to the Guidelines for Manuscript Preparation. Please re-write the "Case Presentation" section, and add the "FINAL DIAGNOSIS", "TREATMENT", and "OUTCOME AND FOLLOW-UP" sections to the main text, according to the Guidelines and Requirements for Manuscript Revision. 6 Re-Review: Not required. 7 Recommendation: Conditional acceptance.

- Thank you very much for your review and comments. We have incorporated the figures and table in their original format (Word, Excel and Powerpoint) so that they can be processed by the editorial office.
- - We have re-wrote the presentation of the cases to fit the BPG editorial guidelines, adding the "FINAL DIAGNOSIS", "TREATMENT", and "OUTCOME AND FOLLOW-UP" sections to the main text, according to the Guidelines and Requirements for Manuscript Revision.