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To the reviewers of the World Journal of Hepatology

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Dear sirs:

Thank you all for your valuable considerations and corrections regarding our manuscript.

Regarding the comments by reviewer number 00071705, we have shortened the introduction by two and a half pages, transferred parts of the introduction to the discussion section, rearranged the discussion section and removed eight references.

Regarding the comments by reviewer number 00070577, we have decreased the length of the introduction. As for evidence of cryptococcus transmission, we can provide the facts that all three patients who received organs from this donor developed the disease, the recipient in our case report was previously asymptomatic for cryptococcus infection and the explanted liver from our patient had no signs of cryptococcus at histological examination. According to the American Society of Transplantation classification of Donor-Derived Disease Transmission Events (reference provided below), our case report would qualify as a “probable” transmission event. We have decreased the length of the introduction and increased the discussion section.

Regarding the comments by reviewer number 03253490, we have reduced the total length of the manuscript and particularly the length of the introduction. We have included citations to other cases of cryptococcosis after liver transplant as suggested. We have also included the results of our patient’s pretransplant brain and abdominal imaging exams.

Regarding the comments by reviewer number 02439193, we have removed sections of the introduction that were felt to be redundant. We have also described the neurological examination of the patient and the duration of maintenance therapy as suggested.

Regarding the comments by reviewer number 05117991, we have corrected the mention to the name of the pathologist in the body of the manuscript. We have further detailed the patient’s vital signs and condition at admission, as suggested. We have also reduced the length of the introduction.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

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Reference: Ison MG, et al. Donor-Derived Disease Transmission Events in the United States: Data Reviewed by the OPTN/UNOS Disease Transmission Advisory Committee. American

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