

## **Reviewer #1:**

**Specific Comments to Authors:** This is an original article regarding Liver Transplantation during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The topic is interesting I have the following comments:

**To Reviewer # 1:** Thank you for taking the time to carefully review our study. It was very helpful and much appreciated. We have done our best to answer your questions and comments and made changes to the manuscript.

A) The period of the study should be added in the abstract.

- The study period has been added to the abstract.

B) The first six lines of the introduction are completely out of fashion. We know from thousands of articles what happened during the pandemic. I suggest developing the introduction focusing on the main topic.

- We have deleted the first three lines of the introduction.

C) Why didn't the authors use the appropriate CHERRIES guidelines?

- The CHERRIES guidelines were reviewed and used to further describe the methodology and results of our survey.

D) The results should be developed more thoroughly to avoid a total imbalance with the discussion (which is far too extensive and unjustified)

- We did our best to further analyze the data and add interesting and pertinent results.
- Secondly, we have reviewed the discussion and attempted to remove any unnecessary statements.

E) The authors described the limitations of the study very well. However, I believe that more than 14 months after the start of the pandemic, this article is not up-to-date

- Although it has been some time since the start of the pandemic, this study and article is meant as a chronicle of transplant center experiences during the pandemic, which is a learning opportunity and an encouragement to develop contingency plans for possible future public health emergencies.

**Science editor:** The manuscript has several limitations.

**To the science editor:** Thank you for taking the time to carefully review our study. We have done our best to answer your comments point by point.

A) The period of the study should be added in the abstract.

- The study period has been added to the abstract.

B) The authors need to add the novelty of this study.

- We have modified the last sentence of the discussion to address the novelty of the study: "To our knowledge, our study is the first to study the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic specifically on liver transplant centers and the steps taken by these centers to provide care to their patients."

C) The questions raised by the reviewers should be answered

- We have done our best to answer the questions answered by the reviewers and made appropriate changes in the manuscript.
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- There is only one self-citation, meeting the requirement of less than 10% of total citations.

(D) 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

- This was done.

(E) I found the authors did not write the "article highlight" section. Please write the "article highlights" section at the end of the main text.

- The "article highlight" section was added.

**Company editor-in-chief:** I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, full text of the manuscript, and the relevant ethics documents, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Hepatology, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office's comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors.

**To the company editor-in-chief:** Thank you for taking the time to carefully review our study.