

RE: submission of revisions for the case report entitled "LEARNING FROM A RARE PHENOMENON: CASE REPORT OF SPONTANEOUS CLEARANCE OF CHRONIC HEPATITIS C VIRUS POST-LIVER TRANSPLANT"

Dear Dr. Lian-Sheng Ma,

We would like to thank the editors and reviewers for their insightful comments. We have revised our manuscript as per their recommendations. We are now submitting the revised version for publication in *World Journal of Hepatology*.

See our point-by-point responses to the reviewers below.

Thank you for considering our work for publication in *World Journal of Hepatology*.

Yours sincerely,

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**Reviewer 1:**

1. The hypothesis put forward suggests that probably due to immune activation during rejection episodes and other infections in post liver transplant status, spontaneous resolution of HCV happens. Second, the manuscript is written in a systematic manner and is properly framed. However no methodology has been used to identify the key immune responses responsible for possible spontaneous resolution of HCV infection.

Response: Thank you for this constructive feedback. We have included additional information regarding the host immune response that may contribute to spontaneous resolution of HCV.

**Science editor:**

1. The authors need to provide the signed Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Form and Copyright License Agreement.

Response: These have been uploaded with the article.

2. PMID and DOI numbers are missing in the reference list. Please provide the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references.

Response: Thank you for this suggestion. We have made these changes.

3. The references cited in the text should be superscript.

Response: We have re-formatted references per this recommendation.

4. 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,

Response: Thank you for these suggestions. We have highlighted final diagnosis, treatment and outcome and follow up sections in each of the cases.