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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 3586.doc).

**Title:** Update on hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS): diagnostic and therapeutic recommendations

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

**Editor:**

**a) Format has been updated, in particular**

- 1) English wording, style and grammar has been reviewed by American Journal Experts, as suggested (certification enclosed)**
- 2) Please, in the final manuscript find in red the answer to reviewers and in blue the modification done by AJE**
- 3) The core tip has been added**
- 4) Extra spaces have been deleted**
- 5) New paragraphs have been realized wherever requested**
- 6) Lines tables have been made**
- 7) ppt figures have been made**

**b) Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers.**

First of all we want to thank our reviewers, because their concerns helped us in improving the manuscript, in particular:

**Reviewer 00616006**

- 1) The last sentence of the abstract has been removed;**
- 2) Key words have been modified for an easier search on medline;**
- 3) Brackets have been avoided in the cases of relevant informations;**
- 4) Reference has been given (reference 24);**
- 5) The manuscript can now be read easily. Sentences have been linked, paragraphs have been shortened, headlines have been modified, the American Journal Experts improved the English style;**
- 6) Headlines have been reworded;**
- 7) Secondary HUS have been described in more detail;**
- 8) Fig 3 has been completely modified and in the new version is easier to understand;**
- 9) Fig 5 is now a table (table IV) as requested;**
- 10) The American Journal Expert reviewed the manuscript.**

**Reviewer 1200577**

- 1) More information and data on the acquired and secondary forms of aHUS have been provided;
- 2) HELLP syndrome has now been described at pg 31-32 and references have been added;
- 3) English wording has been revised by American Journal Experts;
- 4) Tab I is now cited in the text.

**Reviewer 503226**

- 1) Definition and first part have been shortened, as suggested;
- 2) All treatments have been brought under only one heading;
- 3) Several headings have now been shortened and more clear. Urinary tract infections inducing TMA is now discussed at pg 30 and reference has been added;
- 4) Bilateral nephrectomy is sometimes necessary to halt the progression of the disease more than to treat hypertension. The issue has been treated at pg 21 and reference has been added (reference 105, Remuzzi et al);
- 5) The eculizumab paragraph has been shortened;
- 6) TMA induced by CMV and B19 viruses has been treated at pg 30-31 and 6 references have been added;
- 7) The American Journal Experts reviewed the manuscript (certification enclosed), to improve grammar and style by a native English speaker expert in medical journals)

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

Sincerely yours,

**Maurizio Salvadori MD**

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**Elisabetta Bertoni MD**

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