



**Baishideng
Publishing
Group**

7901 Stoneridge Drive, Suite 501,
Pleasanton, CA 94588, USA
Telephone: +1-925-223-8242
Fax: +1-925-223-8243
E-mail: bpgoffice@wjgnet.com
https://www.wjgnet.com

Manuscript No: 56609

Title: COVID-19 Pandemic: Its Impact on Liver Disease and Transplantation

Editor in Chief

Comment

I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, the full text of the manuscript, the relevant ethics documents, and the English Language Certificate, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Gastroenterology, 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. Please delete any article (The, A, or An) at the beginning of the title.

Response: We would like to thank the editor in chief for the comments on our manuscript. We are truly grateful for the interest in our manuscript. We have made a thorough language check and made the necessary corrections in our manuscript. We have deleted any article (The, A, or An) at the beginning of the title.

Round 1

Reviewer ID: 02731847

Comment

This study is a review on the subject of COVID-19 and liver transplantation. It is very thorough and helpful in current times. Although, it needs some language improvement. I recommend acceptance.

Response: We would like to thank the reviewer for the polite remarks regarding the quality of our manuscript. We have made a thorough language and grammar check of the manuscript and made the necessary corrections and marked them in red.



**Baishideng
Publishing
Group**

7901 Stoneridge Drive, Suite 501,
Pleasanton, CA 94588, USA
Telephone: +1-925-223-8242
Fax: +1-925-223-8243
E-mail: bpgoffice@wjgnet.com
https://www.wjgnet.com

Reviewer ID: 00057859

Comment

The authors performed a comprehensive review on liver transplantation during COVID-19 pandemic. This review is well written. I would only suggest to authors to include in the review a brief statement about the management of immunosuppression

Response: We deeply appreciate your comments on our manuscript. We added a paragraph regarding the management of immunosuppressive therapy in liver transplant recipients with COVID-19 and the circumstances that should be controlled by the physicians during the COVID-19 pandemic to protect the recipients that are not infected as well. The paragraph is added after the recommendations of societies in the subsection "V-The importance of COVID-19 in centers of Liver Transplantation".

Round 2

Reviewer ID: 02731847

Comment

Minor corrections suggested: In the abstract, "continuous follow-ups" should be corrected to "continuous follow-up". "and those patients on routine surveillance who do not have COVID-19." should be corrected to "and the patients on routine surveillance who do not have COVID-19.". In the introduction: "To date, there is no definitive treatment for COVID-19." I believe you should mention here the use of remdesivir which was positive in a recent RCT: DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa2007764 In the text: I. Pathogenesis "The virus recognizes the angiotensin-converting enzyme 2 (ACE-2) receptor to infect host cells and initiate viral replication" - the word viral in "viral replication" should be suppressed - it is redundant "Through the infection of these tissue" should be corrected to "these tissues" II(b). "As result, density of infected cells are initially low" should be corrected to "As a result, the density of infected cells is initially low" "If the innate immune system is successful in clearance of the virus in the early stages



**Baishideng
Publishing
Group**

7901 Stoneridge Drive, Suite 501,
Pleasanton, CA 94588, USA
Telephone: +1-925-223-8242
Fax: +1-925-223-8243
E-mail: bpgoffice@wjgnet.com
https://www.wjgnet.com

than the infection resolves without any problem." should be corrected to "If the innate immune system is successful in the clearance of the virus in the early stages, then the infection resolves without any problem."

Response:

Thank you for your comments. We have made all the corrections you have requested and also, we have added the reference about Remdesivir to the introduction section as you have requested. Thank you for your contributions.

Reviewer ID: 00057859

Comment

The authors addressed all my comments.

Response:

Thank you for your comments.

With Best Wishes

Sami Akbulut, Assoc Prof, FACS
Department of Surgery and
Liver Transplant Institute,
Inonu University Faculty of Medicine,
Elazig Yolu 10. Km
Malatya 44280, Turkey.
Telephone: +90-422-3410660
Fax: +90-422-3410036
Email: akbulutsami@gmail.com