

Point-by-point response to the reviewers' comments:

Reviewer #1:

Specific Comments to Authors: overall well written manuscript addressing an important topic. COVID has been associated with multisystem involvement including kidney and can have variety of pathological changes. Even in large academic centers renal biopsies are not commonly performed on native kidneys in USA among patients with acute severe infections and mostly attributed to acute tubular necrosis I encourage authors to add a section in their discussion about in their opinion when one should consider renal biopsy in COVID and risks/benefits and current practice at their centers which will add additional important and practical information for practicing clinicians.

Answer: Thank you. We have now added a point to highlight this as recommended in the final paragraph of the discussion section (page 19).

Reviewer #2:

Specific Comments to Authors: This is great.

Answer: Thank you

Reviewer #3:

Specific Comments to Authors: This review highlights the effect of COVID-19 on kidney and summarizes recent publications in an understandable pattern. It can be published after few corrections on writing style of headings within manuscript, tables and figures according to journal's preferences. For example no punctuation after Table or Figure, instead it is underlined. Topics should be written in sentence style. A table may be added to summarize the pathological subgroups.

Answer: Thank you for these recommendations. We have now made corrections to the writing style as recommended and kept it uniform throughout the manuscript. We have included another table to summarise all the pathological subgroups (supplementary table 1).

Point-by-point response to science editor:

(1) The key word “Transplantation” is missing in the title and keywords list. Please check and add it;

Answer: We have now included the word “transplant” to the title and the keywords list.

(2) The authors did not provide original pictures. 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

Answer: In addition to figures and tables in separate word file, we have now attached original images of figure 1 to 5 in PowerPoint files. Tables 1 to 4 and supplementary tables 1 & 2 are also attached in separate MS Word documents.

(3) The “Article Highlights” section is missing. Please add the “Article Highlights” section at the end of the main text.

Answer: We have now included an “Article Highlights” section to the end of the main text.