Reviewers report

Title: Antiviral Triple Therapy with Silibinin, pegylated Interferon and Ribavirin in a patient with HCV genotype 3 re-infection after Liver Transplantation: a case report

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Reviewer: Stefan Lüth

Which of the following following best describes what type of case report this is?: Presentations, diagnoses and/or management of new and emerging diseases

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: No

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

very interesting study, which i strongly suggest to publish, after an update and some changes:

Title:
"Combination therapy.....", i would noz use the term triple therapy throughout the manuscript, "in a patient" needs no further description, like "a case report"

Intro:
The approval of TPR and BOC is no longer relevant in countries with high quality medical evolvement, pleas clarify and mention the approval of SOF in Western
countries, and SIM in the US, which is coming up soon also in Germany (June 2014?),

Case presentation:
I wonder if you really have different ULN for AST and ALT, I don’t remember that

Discussion:
"PI based ....is NOT new and NOT the standard therapy in GT1 worldwide, certainly NOT in Germany.

Discussion:
Please give a little bit in detail with Silibinin, and don’t shorten it to "substantial antiviral effect",

One strength of your case report, which is not really highlighted yet, is the role of IFN, which was effective only in the combination with silibinin, this is somehow impressive, even with the data which are already published, give a short hypothesis

Figure:
AST is not important, many lab values, a bit confusing, concentrate on the relevant;

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable