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<b>Language quality</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
<b>Conclusion</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
<b>Re-review</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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## **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This is an engaging and instructive review about the evolution of the liver allocation system. However, the authors simply focus on the US liver allocation policies, forgetting the rest of the world, e.g., Asia or Europe. Three major issues should be addressed before considering publication; 1) Given the manuscript's title, the authors should also address liver allocation policies and rules in other regions except the US. Several different allocation systems in Europe and Asia should be discussed under this broad title, 2) The title announces future directions; however, the section on future direction is missing, 3) the conclusion of the entire paper is missing – giving the impression of unfinished work. Some minor issues should also be addressed: 1) Table 1, only relevant data should be listed in the table, please omit unnecessary words, please add abbreviations which are missing below the table, 2) please add visual context (figure/scheme) explaining some of the policies such as Regional Share 15/Regional Share for Status 1/ Regional Share 35 and National Share 15/Acuity Circles Distribution System; it would be much easier for the reader to follow and understand, and it would give an added value to your manuscript. The paper is not prepared according to the journal's requirements (title page, font, references..)

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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The article reads well and the topic is very relevant. I have minor observations. There are two key words sections and both of them don't match. ACLF -1 is misspelt as ALCF-1. I would suggest change in the title of table 1. The title and the table content doesn't seem to correlate. Thank you

## RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript has been improved according to the reviewer's suggestions. However, please be careful about the references, there are numerous mistakes throughout the text (superscript, square brackets) and in the references (missing PMID, all authors should be listed..) please correct according journal's requirements.