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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a review paper on dilemmas and challenges around acute liver failure. The authors have produced a very good manuscript incorporating most of the issues relating to acute liver failure and subsequent treatment options. The manuscript is well written and has an appropriate layout. It deals very well with diagnostic dilemmas, prognostic models, the timely decision for transplantation and the issues surrounding the lack of organs and the adjunct therapies. In such a good quality review I would like to see some thoughts about how the measures necessary to combat the COVID pandemic might alter decision making about liver transplantation in acute liver failure. Also, I believe that Figure 1 is confusing and needs to be reviewed. Finally, the two sections dealing with the other prognostic scores and arterial blood lactate as a prognostic marker in deciding about listing for LT, should perhaps not be as extensive. They do not seem to be clinically relevant but their potential could be explored in further clinical studies. Finally there are a few typos in the manuscript