

Reviewer 03476731:

Thank you for your suggestions. We added to our conclusion that AFP is not positive in all HCC cases **(Added to page 11 paragraph 1)**.

Regarding LT for non-cirrhotic HCC, the bulk of experience published regarding LT in non-cirrhotic patients is small. In a systematic review, Houben and McCall ^[1] described 160 patients published in 16 papers over 32 years. Limited published data prevented determination of the significance of tumor characteristics in relationship to outcomes. To our knowledge there are no specific transplant criteria for non-cirrhotic patients.

We also added to our conclusion that salvage LT is a suggested strategy in light of the current organ shortage. **(Added to page 11 paragraph 2)**. Also, regarding studies which take into consideration age < or > than 70 years: To our knowledge there have been no extended criteria described which incorporate age as a selection criteria.

Reviewer 03479108:

Thank you for your suggestion of incorporating the paper by Duvoux et al. to the list of extended transplant criteria in our manuscript **(Added to page 7 paragraph 3)**.

References:

1. **Houben KW, McCall JL.** Liver transplantation for hepatocellular carcinoma in patients without underlying liver disease: a systematic review. *Liver Transpl Surg* 1999; **5**: 91-95 [PMID: 10071346 DOI:S1527646599000143 [pii]]