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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Authors have review the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on liver transplantation, attending to several areas: a) Variable situation in several countries. b) Donor and recipient screening. c) Posttransplant risk of infection and mortality d) Immunosuppression management in COVID-positive recipients. In general, the article is actual and appropriately covers these areas. Minor comments Authors stated that "...differences (in LT) were unrelated to the local prevalence of COVID-19 but more likely reflected a different perception of risk and prioritization of hospital resources" (Page 2). It has been proposed a system based on risk tolerance, hospital capacity and degree of virus activity in the area (Kumar D. Am. J. Transplant. <https://doi-org.bibezproxy.uca.es/10.1111/ajt.15876>). Asides molecular techniques to screen SARS-CoV2, an additional epidemiological analysis of each case has been suggested (Nat Rev Gastroenterol Hepatol. 2020;17(9):526-528). This approach must be commented.