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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Nice study, but as presented now appearing pointless. Results would have clinical relevance if alternative treatments than LT were offered to high NLR patients. Furthermore, the commonly assessed marker creatine is equally predictive... Hopefully the paper can be revised to show the merits of NLR assessment prior to LT (or alternative treatment?). Specific comments: 1. abstract: background: Little is realized about the negative effects of increased (NLR) on prognosis.... methods: ...Optimal cutoff on NLR was assessed by..... conclusion: does this knowledge affect treatment of patients? 2. introduction, last paragraph: Is there any clinical use for this knowledge? In other words, is treatment affected? 3. Discussion, p14 With creatinine equally good, is there any gain in using NLR. Do both factors combined give further improvement in clinical testing?



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This work focuses on the neutrophil-lymphocyte ratio in patients undergoing OLT. The work has a quite simple structure and the results appear to be consistent. Overall, the guarantee in the identification of the PBC populations appears to be the main source of potential error in the accomplishment of the conclusions. I recommend the authors to maintain a parallel line on the values recruited by the clinical laboratory in patients of different pathologies. Main Points: 1. Is it possible to identify PBC subsets among the raw values given by the authors (CD4/CD8+, N1 N2 for neutrophils etc.): This is now days important if available, in order to assess the basic mechanisms governing the phenomena observed by the gastroenterologists 2. Could you please give the same info after 1 month? Are the values maintained? 3. English needs to be improved and the paper shortened just to focus in the specific issues addressed by the authors.