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JOURNAL EDITOR-IN-CHIEF (ASSOCIATE EDITOR) COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Though the authors reported the changing trend of LT indication in Saudi Arabia, several points should be clarified. 1. Please describe the type of LT. For example, the proportion of cadaaveric donor liver transplantation and living-related donor liver transplantation. 2. Please describe the absolute indication of LT (for example, MELD score criteria, etc.) in patients with and without HCC. And also, please describe how the priority of LT among many candidates is determined in Saudi Arabia. The criteria may be different between patients with HCC and without HCC. If the priority of LT is determined not by the severity of disease but by the financial status of the patients, there can be many biases. For example, NASH patients can be richer (and thereby more obese, of course the situation is vice versa in USA), and, in that case, they can be underwent LT more easily. For these reasons, it is recommended to clarify the indication of LT in Saudi Arabia more clearly.

Answering:

Our manuscript with the clarification as requested by the chief editor highlighted in yellow.