

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
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### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

1. This manuscript was attractive in the points that 1) it clarified that liver allografts from donors aged 70 years old or over could be utilized safely, 2) it was from a single center in Spain, where experiences with such grafts have been high, and 3) the authors suggested



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a simple score, DR-MELD to predict graft survival when using grafts from donors >70 years old. 2. Regarding DR-MELD, let's imagine a recipient aged 40 years old with a MELD score 30 and a donor aged 70 years old. In this case, DR-MELD is  $40 \times 30 \times 70 = 84,000$ . The authors insisted that a DR-MELD > 75000 must be avoided in order to obtain the best results. However I think many transplant surgeons would proceed with liver transplantation operation as long as the donor condition is acceptable. The decision could also be affected by the deceased donor number in each country. Another example, a 55 years old recipient with a MELD score 20 and a 70 years old donor. DR-MELD, 77000. Would you give up liver transplantation? Let me here your answer. 3. In the section of 'Results', mean and median values were used here and there. Even though you mentioned when you use mean value and when you use median value in the section of Statistical analysis, readers would be confusing. Please consider it seriously. 4. Attached a file I reviewed. Please pay attention to the section of Tables.

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This is a valuable paper dealing with an ever interesting topic in liver transplantation. Its main contribution is the development of a new score to better balance matching of the recipients and older grafts. It is a case control study and the level of evidence is



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satisfactory. Therefore, I recommend the publication of this study.

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