

## ESPS Peer-review Report

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CLASSIFICATION	LANGUAGE EVALUATION	RECOMMENDATION	CONCLUSION
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A (Excellent)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority Publishing	Google Search:	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B (Very good)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Existed	<input type="checkbox"/> High priority for publication
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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D (Fair)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: rejected	<input type="checkbox"/> Existed	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E (Poor)		<input type="checkbox"/> No records	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision

## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a retrospective study including 224 living related LTx for HCC with almost 60% meeting the Milan criteria for LTx. The main finding of the study is that by adding some markers of inflammation such as NLR and CPR there is evidence that the Milan criteria may improve. The authors have used statistical methods trying to find cutoffs for NLR and CRP with reliable results. The authors acknowledge the limitations of their study but the results are of particular interest if reproduced in a prospective way. Minor comments The abbreviations NLR ,HCC should be explained in the abstract.