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The course of hepatitis C infection after liver transplantation (OLT) is influenced by the immunosuppression (IS). IS withdrawal could benefit these patients by delaying the progression of liver damage. The impact of IS withdrawal has only been evaluated by the Tor Vergata group in Rome. This interesting paper introduces three groups of patients after OLT: (CNI group; MMF group and TOL group). The numbers are small and it is a retrospective study. Authors do not describe the total number of patients transplanted in the center from 1993 to 2013 (total number, and HCV patients) to better understand how many were included in this study. All were cadaveric OLT? Living related? There could be significant bias in the groups. The authors do not give detailed information on the history of the groups in the immediate post OLT period (how many had rejection after OLT, how many received boluses of steroids, or antibodies after OLT, CMV infection, etc). Table 1 is almost illegible but apparently it says that they had no rejection episodes?... What was the reason for being only with MMF (renal insufficiency only ?? How bad was it) Table 1 is almost illegible: Please redo... the table... is important to put donor age, amount of steatosis of donor livers, ischemia times, CMV infection post OLT?, etc as they are variables important for the evolution of hepatitis C after OLT. Other consideration: There is one patient in the MMF group with hep B and C cirrhosis.....this patient should be removed from the group (confound)



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The manuscript must be re-submitted with tables clearly reported and readable.