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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Boteon YL and coauthors in this frontiers article reported the last findings regarding the use of machine perfusion techniques in the field of liver transplantation. This is an important issue and new achievements on dynamic organ preservation will hopefully allow the use of discarded graft for human transplant, in the future. The article is interesting, concise and adequately written. These are my comments: 1) I appreciated the discussion on biliary damage and bile formation (paragraph "organ viability"). However I suggest expanding this section since it represents a critical point with regard to dynamic preservation and/or regeneration. In fact, bile duct cells seem more resistant to hypoxia in comparison with hepatocytes (at list when they are prepared for cell cultures) on the other hand several data underscore that a valid preservation of peri-biliary plexus and glands is likely the most important factor for the biliary tract injury repair, after ischemia (PMID: 30506902). In this perspective future studies on machine perfusion should have, among other targets, the aim to maintain a healthy peri-biliary environment rather than focusing on biliary cells viability, in order to favor graft recovery after transplant. Please include these points in the manuscript. suggest to include a table (with references) summarizing the suggested parameters to dynamically assess organ viability during different perfusion techniques. 3) Figure 1: I would suggest to remove the arrows from x and y axis. I would suggest also the following changes: title "organ preservation" instead of "dynamic organ preservation"; box titles: "adverse environment" change with "Past"; "favorable environment" change with "Present".



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