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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This is an interesting an important paper given the increased understanding of the value of frailty in liver transplantation. The authors may wish to expand the discussion on the issue of frailty, as well as report specific meaasures/programs taken by liver transplant centers to improve on that.

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I congratulate the authors on a well written and thoroughly researched contribution on an important topic. Body composition disturbances, their evaluation and their impact can still be considered an emerging area of interest in all areas of medicine. The data presented offers a broad overview of muscle depletion in liver transplantation and is interesting to the reader not yet familiar with the basic concepts. I only have some reservations about the format of the manuscript. I feel a proper systematic review article adhering to PRISMA would do the topic more justice.