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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Nice paper, written in a ? strait ? fashion without turning around. Nevertheless, it is such a specialized topic, and I think that it would be interesting to turn the paper more "pedagogic" to enlarge the readership... I have some questions to ask... The authors reported precisely the literature available in the field of HCC and scoring systems in order to propose patients for transplantation in a context of organ shortage... Maybe it is good to remind that alpha-fetoprotein is not positive in all HCC patients and that those scoring systems with AFP are not applicable... Did all the scores (clinical and biological ones) include exclusively HCC on cirrhotic patients? Is it there experiences of scores proposed for patients presenting HCC in no cirrhotic liver? Maybe it would be nice, to discuss in the introduction, even briefly, the current concepts of surgery prior to LT ("Bridge" surgery and "Salvage" transplantation...) Which are the studies that takes into account the selection criteria ? (< or > than 70 years).

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The paper is written in a simple and clear manner. The article is an overview of the most recent publications about transplant criteria for HCC. Unfortunately there are many works recently (e.g. Xu DW, W.J. Gastroenterology Mar 2016) published about the same topic and addressed to transplant specialists. Furthermore the Authors should present different scores discussing them, highlighting pros and cons or limitations. Indeed I think that the contribution of Duvoux et al. should be added at the list of transplant HCC criteria. The reviewed article should be interesting if addressed to non transplant specialist, such as hepatologists or other specialist not bearing to transplant Centre to increase patient referral. According to the topic of the invited article I think nowadays there are many other aspects of HCC treatment that should be analysed.