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ESPS PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Reviewer's code: 00068723

Reviewer's country: Japan

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CLASSIFICATION	LANGUAGE EVALUATION	SCIENTIFIC MISCONDUCT	CONCLUSION
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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This manuscript discusses post-transplantation survival. The idea was interesting that renal failure was one major factor regarding survival after liver transplantation. The concept was rationale because normal renal function is essential for healthy. Renal failure consists one of the organ failure of multiple organ failure. References were limited number, which was acceptable because the manuscript was "to the Editor".



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

1. Some sentences has been repeated multiple times like sentences about serum creatinine, MELD score, ... which can be deleted. 2. The text can be shorter by mixing some concepts. 3. Some sentences have no references while they need.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In this letter, the authors discussed that application of MELD score in the patients with liver disease and hepatorenal syndrome and suggested to reassess the application of MELD and the impact of renal insufficiency. This suggestion is reasonable and considerable.

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This manuscript ends with the statement; "While MELD score is the gold standard for predicting wait list mortality, a notable weakness for liver allocation lies in predicting post transplantation survival, particularly with renal insufficiency", and "to reassess the application of MELD and the impact of renal insufficiency". I fully agree that such a conversation is useful, but I miss considerations of others and the many references which already discuss the relative sensitivity and specificity of MELD as prognostic parameter. I give some examples but there are far more in literature. Gennaro D" Amico et al. J of Hepatol 2006;44:217-231 who conclude that clinical practice strengthens the current use of CPS in cirrhotic patients at large and MELD in decompensated cirrhotic patients. Theocharidou et al . The Royal Free Hospital score (RFH): a calibrated prognostic model for patients with cirrhosis admitted to Intensive care unit. Am J GE 2014; CLIF-SOFA did not perform better than RFH. Wan et al. Combining serum cystatin c with total bilirubin improves short term mortality prediction in patients with HBV related acute-on-chronic liver failure. PlosOne 2015;10(1)e 0116968. Emerson P et al. The utility of scoring systems in critically ill cirrhotic patients admitted to a general intensive care unit. J of critical care 2014; 29(6)1131, who suggest that serum



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arterial lactate may improve the prognostic ability. Oberkofler CE et al. MELD score greater than 23 predicts length of stay in the ICU but not mortality in liver transplant recipients. *Critical Care* 2010;14:R117



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Specific comments: The subject is relevant; however it is not a new topic in the literature. Several researchers have been analysing the limitation of the MELD score. On the other hand, it is important to recognize renal injury early before the damage is done. The manuscript should be described in a more concise and substantial manner. There is limited information regarding a theoretical framework that grounds the research. Please get a native English speaker to check the English used in the paper. Grammatical errors/constructions should be evaluated along the whole article. ? Reviewer conclusion: Accept but needs minor and major revision



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The impact of renal insufficiency has been emphasised as an important part of assessment in association with MELD score and it is a relevant discussion. I support the authors suggestion