Reviewer's report

**Title:** Effect of delayed CNI-based immunosuppression with Advagraf(R) on liver function after MELD-based liver transplantation [IMUTECT]

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**Reviewer:** Subhash SG Gupta

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An important parameter for recovery of patients post transplant has been the length of stay in hospital prior to transplantation. For example if the patient has been continuously in hospital, infective complications post transplant is very high. The MELD score does not predict outcome after surgery. Therefore two groups with different MELD score may only show difference in recovery of renal function rather than difference in infective complication.

This will be an important trial and certainly add to our knowledge of post transplant immunosuppression.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

No