Reviewer’s report

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Overall, all comments have been addressed. Although all issues are adequately discussed in the revised version now, the LiverT-study still lacks from a certain selection bias as described before. However, this can not be changed now and is somewhat inherent to all kinds of retrospective data analysis. The most important issue regarding the choice of parameters (ALT and AST not optimal to assess liver function (deterioration)) has now been fully addressed by including/highlighting other, more appropriate parameters (e.g. Albumin and Bilirubin).

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