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# Clinical Development and Challenges in Liver Transplantation for Hepatocellular Carcinoma

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Liver transplantation remains the cornerstone treatment for early-stage hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC), considering the generally excellent recurrence-free survival rates; however, the scarcity of sufficient organs as well as the eligibility criteria for patients to qualify for liver transplantation have been challenges to overcome.

Ideally, criteria for transplantation are based on variables that predict biological behavior in order to select those patients who would benefit the most. Thus, extending the donor pool by living donor programs, alongside the rise in liver perfusion techniques in order to test extended donor grafts, has been implemented.

In this Special Issue of *Cancers*, the clinical development and challenges of liver transplantation for HCC will be addressed by highlighting current developments and challenges with respect to transplant criteria, oncological outcomes, bridging/downstaging, neoadjuvant therapy, and donor pool expansion.

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