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Dear Editors,

We are pleased to read that our manuscript **NO: 23137 (Type: Retrospective Cohort Study)** entitled "**Impact of Body Mass Index on Outcomes of 48,281 Patients Undergoing First Time Cadaveric Liver Transplantation**" has been accepted.

We thank you and the reviewers for your comments and we are submitting the edited version of the original manuscript as we addressed all the comments provided by the reviewers. We are reporting all the changes made to the manuscript by going through each annotation raised by each reviewer:

- 1- The manuscript has been shortened as one of the reviewer commented that the length of some sections was excessive
- 2- We have revised the manuscript by improving the scientific language as suggested by one of the reviewers
- 3- We added the comments (background, research frontiers, innovations and breakthroughs, applications, terminology). In the comments, we have not added any peer-review section as this should be added by any of the peer reviewers
- 4- We added and reformatted all the sections related to the required:
 - a. **Author contributions:** Subhashini Ayloo and Michele Molinari designed the research, analyzed the data, created tables and graphics. Scott Hurton and Matthew Cwinn reviewed the literature, revised the manuscript.
 - b. **Conflict-of-interest statement:** All the Authors have no conflict of interest related to the manuscript.
 - c. **Informed consent statement:** Since this study was performed using data extracted from UNOS Standard Transplant Analysis and Research (STAR) Files, acquisition of patients consent statements was neither feasible nor required.
 - d. **Institutional review board statement:** This study was performed using data

extracted from UNOS Standard Transplant Analysis and Research (STAR) Files collected in the United States. Local Institutional Review Board approval was not required.

- e. **Data sharing statement:** The original anonymous dataset is available on request from the corresponding author at michele.molinari@cdha.nshealth.ca
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h. **Abbreviations:**

Liver Transplantation	(LT)
Body Mass Index	(BMI)
Odds Ratio	(OR)
Adjusted Odds Ratio	(AOR)
Hazard Ratio	(HR)
Adjusted Hazard Ratio	(AHR)
Confidence Interval	(CI)
Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease	(NAFLD)
Non-alcoholic steatohepatitis	(NASH)
World Health Organization	(WHO)
Hepatitis C Virus	(HCV)
Hepatitis B Virus	(HBV)
Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis	(PSC)
Primary Biliary Cirrhosis	(PBC)
Standard Transplant Analysis and Research	(STAR)

End Stage Liver Disease	(ESLD)
Mayo End-Stage Liver Disease	(MELD)
United Network of Organ Sharing	(UNOS)

- 5- Figure 2 and Figure 3 could not be decomposed and saved as PPT or Word Document as they are generated by SPSS.
- 6- We added figure 4 and 5 as decomposed in PPT format as requested by the editorial office
- 7- We have reformatted all the references with DOI numbers as requested by the editorial office.

On behalf of all the authors, I would like to thank the editors and all the reviewers for your support and for your comments.

Sincerely,

Michele Molinari