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Comments from reviewer 00505314

1. The readers would like some information as to how a transplant waiting list/priority is developed with the public/private sector collaboration

Response: It has been included in the manuscript. There is a central coordinator for transplantation in the state of Tamil Nadu who is in charge of the donor list for deceased donor transplantation. This list has potential recipients from both public and private hospitals. As per the waiting list, organs are distributed whether it is private or public hospitals.

2. Is there any data regarding immediate and short term outcomes such as length of stay, delayed graft function, acute rejection rates and one year patient/graft survivals? These data are very crucial especially when deceased donor organ transplants are projected to increase over the years to come.

Response: The authors agree that these data are very crucial. But as the DDT programme is in its infancy and is beginning to pick up momentum, these data are being collected all across India in various transplant centers. We expect to see published data on these respects in the near future.