Prof. Clara Balsano

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Dear Prof. Balsano,

Thank you for inviting us to submit our manuscript “*Factors associated with long term survival after liver transplantation: a retrospective cohort study*” to the World Journal of Hepatology (Number ID: 03488715).

The long term survival after liver transplantation has strongly improved during the last decades. However factors associated with long term survival are not well defined. We studied retrospectively a cohort of liver transplant recipients who have been transplanted more than 15 years ago.

Surprisingly only age and BMI, but none of the other factors, were associated with death or shorter survival. Thus we performed a detailed analysis of these two factors.

We are convinced that our results are of interest for the readers of the World Journal of Hepatology and hope you may consider it for publication

Sincerely yours

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