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**Title:** Attitudes, Knowledge Levels and Behaviors of Islamic Religious Officials about Organ Donation in Turkey: National Survey Study

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This topic is quite important to increase organ donation in Turkey and the results were very informative to understand the attitude of religious officials for organ donation. The data were well described

**Response to the Reviewer**

Thank you for your positive comment about our manuscript.

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The authors report a national survey from Islamic religious officials to evaluate the attitudes, knowledge levels and behaviors toward organ donation and transplantation. The manuscript described the situation of Islamic religious in the field of organs transplantation. Although the paper provides information about the attitude of Islamic religious in Turkey regarding organ transplantation, the paper might only draw a little attention of global reader. There are also few concerns about the manuscript. 1. As we know, all kind of religion is based on the kindness, help each other and harmony. However, mild disparity could be existed because of culture, nation, and region even under a same religion. Therefore, the attitude of Islamic religion in Turkey might be not the same as other countries or regions such as Indonesia, and Middle East countries et al. Can the author comment on this? 2. It would be great the authors could provide some information regarding current situation of organ donation and transplantation by different organs in Turkey. 3. Meanwhile, the prevalence of deceased organ donation in Turkey now would be helpful as well.



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### **Response to the Reviewer**

We agree that all kind of religion is based on the kindness, help each other and harmony and it has been show that all faith leaders united in their support for organ donation and in general, no faith or belief groups were against organ donation in principle. However the donation rate is still low and inadequate in in communities of all religions. While attitude of Islamic religion officials in Turkey might be not the same as other countries or regions, the target of this study was to study this in Turkey. We have show in the manuscript that there are variable levels of knowledge among religious officials with regard to organ donation in Islam. Many conducted studies revealed a variable range of 61.3- 92.5% of religious officials advocate that organ donation and transplants are compatible with Islamic rules. It would be great to perform a multinational study to have a multinational data and to develop global strategies to promote organ donation among high impact influence community leaders such as religion scholars, school teachers and journalists. Also, a sentence has been added to the discussion section on cadaveric organ donation rates in Turkey and other developed countries.

With Best Wishes

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