

Dear editor,

Thank you for considering our manuscript for publication in WJT.

Responses to reviewers' comments are as follows:

Reviewer 1( ID: 00503322)

The paper has examined the the outcomes of transplanting of marginal and better quality kidneys on the recipients based on their dialysis vintage (dialysis and pre-emptive transplant) and age by analysing OPTN/UNOS registry data. The study has supported the use of high-risk marginal kidneys pre-emptively in older patients in the waiting list, which is a useful piece of information in clinical transplantation. The limitation of the study is discussed well. In essence, the paper has enough novelty for the consideration for publication.

Response: **We thank you for your insightful comments**

Reviewer 2 (ID: 02844701)

Well written

Response: **Thank you**