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Dear Editor,

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**Title:** Living Donor Liver Transplantation for High MELD Score; What Have We Learned?

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(1) We clarified in **PATIENTS AND METHODS** section how the patients were selected in the study, according to the suggestions of the reviewers: 80 adult patients with end-stage liver disease (ESLD) had received living donor liver transplantation (LDLT) at the Ain Shams Center for Organ Transplant (ASCOT), Cairo, Egypt.

(2) We added in **RESULTS** section: The 1, 3 and 5-year survival rates in Group 1 were 94.7%, 94.7% and 92.1% respectively, in comparison to 81.8%, 81.8% and 75.8% respectively in Group 2 with statistically significant difference between both groups ( $P=0.02$ ). Mortality occurred mainly in the early postoperative period in ICU because of respiratory failure due to weak respiratory muscles with poor weaning capability from mechanical ventilation (two patients in Group 1 and six patients in Group 2), according to the suggestions of the reviewers.

(3) In **DISCUSSION**, we added a reference concerning LDLT and MELD, according to the suggestions of the reviewers: in the study of Selzner *et al* [35], high MELD score recipients had more frequent postoperative pneumonia in comparison to those with low MELD ( $P = 0.003$ ), while no differences were observed in rates of biliary complications or overall infections.

3 References and typesetting were corrected.

4 We made English Language Editing according to American Journal Experts (AJE) ([www.aje.com](http://www.aje.com)).

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Hepatology*.

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