

ANSWERING REVIEWERS

Firstly, thank you for the kind comments. Regarding the clinical situation of a LT with a 70 years graft in a 40 years old recipient with MELD 30 and with a 70 years graft in a 55 years old recipient with MELD 20, of course you can safely performed the procedure because the 5 years survival under our experience is about 63%. But you must know, if you follow our outcomes, that graft survival would have been better with a DR-MELD under 75.000 (5 years survival of 77%). There are many similar situations in which you know that you are going to have worse results but you follow with the procedure (LT with non-heart beating donors, LT with steatotic grafts, etc). The scoring system that we propose is to identify in which situations we will get the best results, but it does not contraindicate the LT if you have a DR-MELD score higher than 75000. Regarding the use of mean and median values in the 'Results' section, under a correct methodological procedure, all variables that do not have a normal distribution must be expressed as median and interquartile range, and in the case in which they have a Gauss distribution they must be expressed as mean and standard deviation. During all the study we follow this rules. As we have cited previously, regarding the mean of the numbers in the parentheses along all the tables there are 3 situations:

- With qualitative variables the parenthesis expressed the relative frequency (%)
- With quantitative variables which follow a normal distribution the parentheses expressed standard deviation
- With quantitative variables which do not follow a normal distribution the parentheses expressed interquartile range.

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Sincerely,

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