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Dear Editor and Reviewers,

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I have made all the requested changes suggested by Reviewer 00503002. The following were the changes made:

-All the metrics were changed to kg/m^2 as suggested.

-I have given a description in the text what high school and GED means.

-Appropriate p values were inserted where requested.

-Consistent decimal places is now used in the text and changed to one decimal place throughout, including Table 1

-A brief description of how the UNOS transplant regions are divided are described

Reviewer 00503286 had not suggested any changes.

Thank you for the opportunity.

Sincerely,

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