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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<sup>2</sup> 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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