

Evaluating Twenty-Years of Follow-Up After Orthotopic Liver Transplantation - *Best practice for donor-recipient matching: what can we learn from the past era?*

Running title: The ideal LT recipient

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