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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in word format (ESPS 8224-revised manuscript-Kovacs and Mossad)

Title: Selecting Suitable Solid Organ Transplant Donors: Reducing the Risk of Donor-Transmitted Infections

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

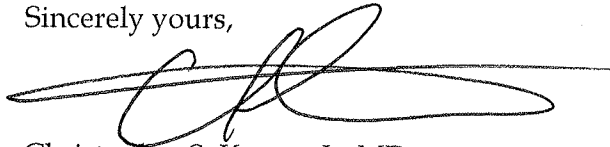
1. No editor suggestions were made in the edited manuscript, therefore no formatting changes were made to the revised manuscript
2. Reviewer #1 made no recommendations for revision, therefore no changes were made based on reviewer #1 feedback
3. Reviewer #2 recommendations for revision,
 - a. "Concepts presented may be better summarized with a reduction of the number of pages"- Since this advice was not specific to certain parts of the manuscript we did not alter or revise based on this recommendation
 - b. "A new table may be added with each type of infection and the suggested algorithm for diagnosis and treatment"- A new table titled Table 1 was added to the manuscript presenting the main types of infection discussed, the diagnostic methods used to aid in decision making, and brief summary of treatment considerations.
 - c. "An evaluation of the risk of death during the waiting time compared to the risk of death after transplantation may be presented and a separate discussion should be applied according to the type of organ transplanted"- A search of the organ

procurement and transplant network (OPTN) and scientific registry of transplant recipients (SRTR) databases was completed and a table of incidence density rates were tabulated to compare wait list risk for death with death after transplant for each type of organ transplant. This was discussed in the body of the text on the section discussing use of extended criteria donors and an appropriate notation was made referring the reader to the accompanying table. Appropriate references were added to the bibliography (# 3-8).

- d. "Concerning the HBV positive donor, the HDV positive infection should be added" - An addition was made commenting on the special considerations of HDV/HBV coinfection with an accompanying reference (new reference # 90)
4. The entire manuscript was again proof to improve the language evaluation to obtain Grade A status
5. Author names were adjusted to include their middle initial when requested. One author requested use of her maiden name for publication (Dr. Johnson changed to Dr. Teixeira)

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CS Kovacs Jr', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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