

Dear Fang-Fang Ji,

Science Editor, Editorial Office,

Thank you for accepting my review “Deceased organ donation for transplantation: challenges and opportunities” for publication in your Journal. Following your email dated June 15, 2016 please find below my response to the steps indicated, as requested:

1-Reviewers comments. The reviewers’ comments have been addressed. Accordingly, the text of the manuscript has been changed. The requested changes have been added to the manuscript in the revised form submitted in here. A detailed response to the Reviewers’ comments in a point-by-point fashion as been submitted as a separate letter and is reported below.

Reviewer00504150

I appreciate the comments and the suggestions

-specific changes to policy and practice have been suggested in the review, such as strict cooperation ICU-OPO in the management of the donors and culturally-sensitive approach to donor families, and others.

-the source of Figure 1 has been indicated in the legend of the figure, and the permission requested.

-Figure 2 and 2 and the Tables (1-2-3) may not be strictly necessary as the Reviewer suggested. However, I would argue in favor of including the above figures and tables to allow the busy clinician to grasp quickly the “core” content of the review as an alternative to reading the review in its entirety. In addition, tables and figures are quite helpful for trainees or “novices” in the field, who are likely more frequent readers of review articles than the seasoned specialist.

The phrase “donor instability and death before organ recovery has been modified accordingly to “donor instability and death during organ recovery”.

Reviewer00054369

I appreciate the comments and the suggestions. While I acknowledge that some paragraphs may be repetitive or redundant, I would like to emphasize that such repetitions are intentional (being this a review article rather than an original article with novel findings. As such, one of the focuses of this review is to convey a “core” of specific issues on the topic.

2-The manuscript has been updated according to the Guidelines

3-An Audio Core Tip has been submitted as attachment

4-CrossCheck analysis powered by iThenticate revealed a similarity of 31%, with only one source (internet) with similarity of 2%, and all other sources 1% or ,1%. The report fro iThenticate has been submitted as an attachment.

The Google Scholar Check for duplicates was negative.

5-The conflict of interest form has been signed and submitted as attachment

6-no grant application or funding agency to disclose.

7-Manuscript Language Certificate: author is native English speaker.

8-copyright assignment form has been submitted as an attachment

9-revised manuscript submitted as requested(attached).

Finally, please also note that, in the interim between submission and revision of the manuscript, my title as changed to **Associate Professor of Surgery**.

Thank you again for the opportunity to publish in your Journal. I look forward to publishing again with you in the near future.

Best regards.

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