

AUTHORS REPLY TO ESPS PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

1) The retrospective study suggest that the ideal LT recipient is a young woman with acute liver failure or CD/AIH, who has a BMI<25, a normal kidney function and no dyslipidemia. Such a patient would benefit the most from a donor organ <30 years old with an ET-DRI <1.2. It is better guidance to select the suitable recipients and donors . 2) I suggest that the article can be published in the form of retrospective study in World J Transplantation.

Authors Reply:

Thank you very much for this review. The language has been polished by a native speaker.



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This retrospective study concerning characteristics of more than 20 years survivors after LT is very interesting and useful. After slight English polishing, it should be published.

Authors Reply:

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As authors mentioned, it was not surprising that the 20-year survivors were significantly younger and predominantly female. Are these results the same as the factors affecting the the average life span of the Europe? When we discuss about the long term survival after LT, the cause of death is very important, Readers of this journal want to know how many LT recipients died of LT specified disease (rejection or surgical complications), life-related diseases (cardiovascular disease or renal failure), or others (malignant disease).

Authors Reply:

Thank you very much for this review. The language has been polished by a native speaker and we included a paragraph about causes of death

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This single centred retrospective analysis of data was conducted with with aim to identify to evaluate the influence of pretransplant labMELD and Eurotransplant Donor Risk Index (ET-DRI) on survival of LT-recipients who received a LT more than 20 years before. Authors also compared the pretransplant characteristics of recipients who survived ≥ 20 years after transplant to those who died within the 20-year (observation period). The data is appropriately analysed and presented. However, this reviewer feels that a subgroup analysis of those developed renal dysfunction could probably be done to identify if the primary indication for LT. the subgroup analysis could have also contributed to the natural history of renal disease progression.

Authors Reply:

Thank you very much for this review. We included the subgroup analysis.