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Title: Comparison of the risk factors effects between two populations: two alternative approaches illustrated by the analysis of first and second kidney transplant recipients.

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Dear Editor-in-Chief,

We have just received your request concerning our manuscript entitled “Comparison of the risk factors effects between two populations: two alternative approaches illustrated by the analysis of first and second kidney transplant recipients”.

As you suggested, we are submitting a revised version of our manuscript that clarify the ethical approval details in relation to our study population. To highlight this specific point, we have added the following “Study population” paragraph to the methods section:

“Second transplant recipients (STR) constituted the relative group of interest. Recipients older than 18 years at the date of transplantation between 1996 and 2010 were selected from the French DIVAT (Données Informatisées et VAlidées en Transplantation - www.divat.fr/en) multicentric prospective cohort. Codes were used to assure donor and recipient anonymity and blind assay. The 'Comité National Informatique et Liberté approved the study (N° CNIL 891735) and written informed consent was obtained from the participants.”

Please let us know if this paragraph answers correctly to the request.

We thank the editorial staff for reviewing this second version.

We look forward to hearing your decision,

Sincerely,

Yohann Foucher
(with the approval of the co-authors)