Reviewer’s report

Title: Accept or refuse? Factors influencing the decision-making of transplant surgeons who are offered a pancreas: results of a qualitative study

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This is a qualitative report on factors influencing the decision making of transplant surgeons who are offered a pancreas. It is a well conducted study and has managed to ask the right questions to an appropriately chosen participants. It has touched on the very topics that make pancreatic transplantation such a demanding procedure like the differences in individual centre's/person's philosophy that drives the program.

The only drawback that I thought was apparent was the definition of a high volume centre. This was defined by centres doing more than 5 pancreas transplants a year which is a relatively low number.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

No competing interests.