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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Due to the background that the majority of pancreases offered are not accepted, this study was initiated in order to analyse surgeons’ decisions. The question posed by the authors is well defined and important for those with closely related interests. The methods and data collection are well described. The main medical reasons for acceptance or refusal of the organ were worked out, but also other possible reasons. Strengths and weakness of the study are pointed out and discussed.

The results of this study showed how complex the decision of pancreas acceptance is and enabled an interesting insight in this problem. Maybe a better standardization could be developed during the next years in order to utilize offered pancreata better.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.