Author's response to reviews

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Dear Editor,

It was a pleasure to receive your letter and to read the comments of the reviewer to the article we sent to BMC Health Services Research. As you requested (points 1 and 2) we added the following sections to the document:

“Competing interests
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RC is responsible for the study conception and design, carried out the data collection and drafted the manuscript. RDF is responsible for the study conception and design. All authors made substantial contributions to the analysis and interpretation of the data.

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All authors read and approved the final manuscript.”

In your letter you also ask us to clarify whether the data we used for our study is openly available (point 3). Our study is based on mortality rates and donation rates. The mortality rates are openly available at the Health for All database of the World Health Organisation. The donation rates are available at the national transplant centres.

Furthermore I have checked whether the manuscript conforms to the journal style.

I hope this letter answers your questions.

Yours sincerely,