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The authors have responded reassuringly to the methodological queries – in particular the issues of the randomisation of the livers to ensure equal quality between the randomised arms (this is achieved by the stratification of the patient randomisation by the MELD score); and also they have responded on the impossibility of blinding the intervention. All the rest of the responses are good and the changes made are all appropriate and have improved the clarity of the revised paper. There are no additional queries on the revised paper.