Author’s response to reviews

Title: Extracorporeal liver support: trending epidemiology and mortality - A nationwide database analysis 2007-2015

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Point-to-point reply - 2nd revision
“Extracorporal liver support: trending epidemiology and mortality” (BMGE-D-19-00070)

Dear Sirs or Madams,

Please find attached our revised manuscript in this document.

Again, we thank the reviewers and the editorial team for their constructive comments to improve the quality of our manuscript.

Editorial requests and the reviewer’s wish were completely fulfilled in the current revision. Some minor

If any questions arise, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas Wiesmann
Point-to-point reply

G. Auzinger (Reviewer 1):
The authors have largely addressed all previously made requests for Revision.
The manuscript could be further improved if the authors could provide outcome information for the ELS Liver Transplant group. I appreciate that information regarding timing of ELS in relation to Tx is not available; it would nevertheless be interesting to see how overall mortality and graft survival compares to the entire cohort and all patients with primary and those with secondary liver injury.

We appreciate the comment of Dr. Auzinger on the outcome data for the ELS liver transplant group. We contacted the data source provider (Federal Statistical Office of Germany, Wiesbaden, Germany) which solely were able to provide us annual numbers of ELS cases which underwent a liver transplantation who died. More in-depth analysis was waived due to the rigid German data protection laws. We added the additional numbers to the manuscript text as well as table 4.

Fuat Saner (Reviewer 2):
The authors addressed all the raised issues.
The manuscript can be published in the present form.

We thank Mr. Saner for his efforts in the review of our manuscript.