

Hepatological exclusion in the donor (in proctor cases)

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Turned down 3 donors after reviewing DHQs.



# Case 1

- 51 F
- Directed donation to husband (Decomp MASLD with complications of P HTN and Sarcopenia)
- Laparoscopic cholecystectomy.
- C section
- Ex smoker (2013, no details on pack year)
- Does not consume alcohol.
- Fam Hx-Mat Grand mother-Bowel ca and T1 DM in sister and maternal uncle.

- Runs 3 times a week.
- Hb 137, WCC 6.9, Plts 305.
- Normal renal function
- Bili 6, ALT 25, ALP 87, Alb 39
- Choles 4.6, TG 2.55 (Non-Fasting)
- HbA1c 33
- TSH normal.

Ht 162 cm and Weight 92 kgs-BMI >35.



## BTS UK Guidelines Living Donor Liver Transplantation July 2015

#### **Donor Obesity**

- Any donor with body mass index (BMI) >30 kg/m² needs a liver biopsy because of the increased risk of donor hepatic steatosis and the possibility of steatohepatitis. (A1)
- Moderately obese donors (BMI 30-35 kg/m²) should be counselled about the increased risk of peri-operative complications and long-term health risks. They should be advised to lose weight prior to donation and to maintain their ideal weight following donation. (B1)
- Donor BMI >35 kg/m<sup>2</sup> should be considered a contraindication to donation because of the high risk of post-operative complications. (B1)



#### M Knaak et al. AJT 2016

- Apr 2000 May 2014
- 105 pts(22%) received RL LG from donors with BMI ≥30 -35.
- 364 (78%) pts received RL LG from donors with BMI <30
- 18-60 age group.
- All obese donors underwent liver biopsy as a part of their protocol.
- Liver steatosis of >10% was excluded in all donors with BMI >30 by imaging and liver biopsy.
- None of them had any comorbidity.
- No difference between groups in terms of post operative complications, hospital stay, recipient graft function.
- No difference in recipient complications rates either.



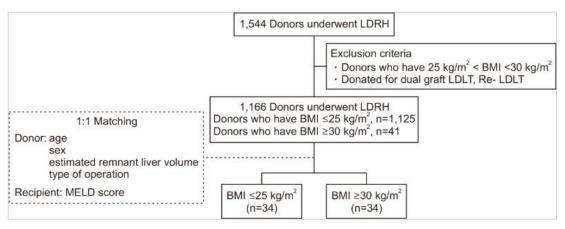
### JS Lin et al. Transplant Direct 2023

- 2013-2020
- 66 living donors, 3 categories (BMI<25, 25-29.9 and > 30)
- MRI derived fat fraction was used to quantify steatosis. (They do not do liver biopsies)
- >10% steatosis independent of BMI were excluded.
- Donor outcomes included: LOS, ED visits within 90d, readmissions within 90d and complication severity.
- Recipient outcomes included: LOS and inpt mortality.
- Difference in wound complications with highest rate being in higher BMI groups (0% Vs 16% vs 37%, p 0.04)



### Sung-Min et al. Ann Liver Transplant 2024.

LDRL at Asan from 2015-2020



May be done safely in those without uncontrolled metabolic disease and significant steatosis.

	Obese Group	Normal-Weight Group	P-value
Preoperative			
Serum Aspartate Aminotransferase (AST)	Significantly Higher	Lower	0.021
Serum Alanine Aminotransferase (ALT)	Significantly Higher	Lower	0.003
Celiac Artery Depth Ratio	Larger	Smaller	<0.001
Graft Volume	Larger	Smaller	<0.001
<b>Donor Perioperative Outcomes</b>			
Operation Time	Longer	Shorter	0.019
Postoperative Major Complications	No Difference	No Difference	0.314
Length of Hospital Stay	No Difference	No Difference	0.607
Readmission Rate	No Difference	No Difference	>0.999
Recipient Surgical Outcomes			
Biliary Complications	No Difference	No Difference	0.163
Length of Hospital Stay	No Difference	No Difference	0.445

Courtesy: Annals of liver transplantation



#### Case 2

- 42 Male
- No past medical history of note
- No surgeries either.
- BMI 19.6
- Non-smoker
- Rarely consumes alcohol

- Family history of thrombosis and Factor V Leiden
- Sister, niece and paternal uncle have Factor V Leiden
- Father had 2 provoked DVTs following surgery
- Paternal aunt had unprovoked PE.



### Factor V Leiden

- FVL and its variants are expressed phenotypically as activated protein C resistance.
- Homozygous donors are usually avoided.
- Conflicting reports on Heterozygous donor outcomes.

TS Tra Institute, Pittsburgh. A Humar et al.

Characteristic	Details		
Total Donors	438		
Factor V Leiden Heterozygosity	17 (4%)		
Other Hypercoagulable Abnormalities	None		
Prior History of Thrombosis	None		
Median Age	45 years		
Gender Predominance	Female (60%)		
Post-operative DVT Prophylaxis	Enoxaparin (Lovenox) 30 mg daily		
Long-term Anticoagulation			
Discharged without	16 donors		
Discharged with Apixaban	1 donor (Apixaban 2.5 mg BID)		
Thrombotic Complications	None (Immediate or long-term PE, DVT, or Stroke/TIA)		



### Case 3

- Donor who had recent cosmetic procedures.
- Current guidelines recommend postponing donation for 6 months.
- Case by case review and if donor suitable on work up, could potentially consider donating after 3 months after careful counselling and discussing anti-viral treatments.



Thank you.