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= left ventricular assist device; EF = ejection fraction; HDS = heart donor score; HLA = human

leukocyte antigens; KDPI = kidney donor profile index; LV = left ventricle; LVH = left ventricular

hypertrophy; MELD = Model for End-Stage Liver Disease; OPO = organ procurement

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