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Text:

We read with interest the recently published mortality risk stratification for Fontan patients undergoing heart transplantation by Berg *et al*¹. We would like to congratulate the authors on the comprehensive nature of their work and acknowledge that such a tool could have great utility in informing the difficult decision making around listing this high risk group for cardiac transplantation.

To assess the applicability of their findings to other cohorts, we applied the risk scoring factors used by Berg *et al* to all patients who underwent heart transplantation for failing Fontan between January 2009 and October 2017 at our institution (we excluded cases prior to 2009 as this phase may be considered to represent a learning curve). One patient who underwent combined heart and liver transplant was also excluded². Points were allocated according to the pre-transplant risk factors, as suggested (1 point: age<18 years, 1 point: systemic ventricular

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