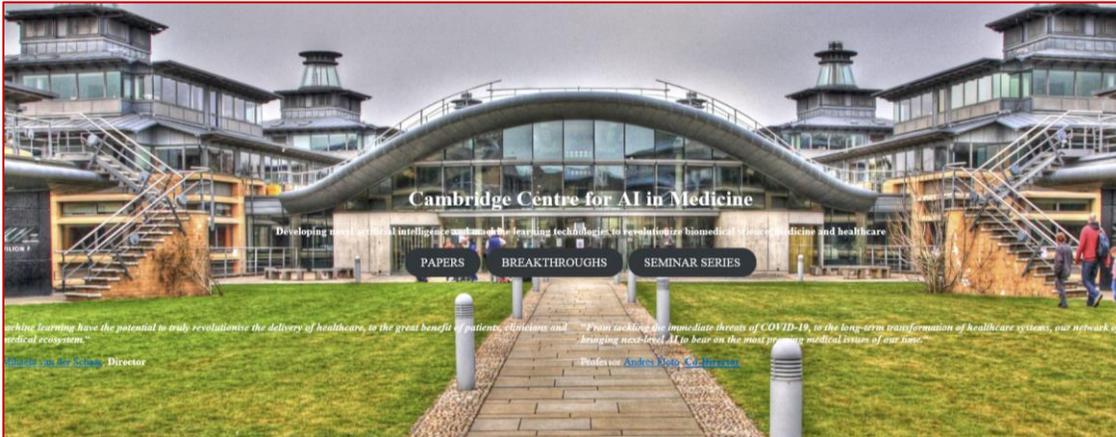


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Developing Trustworthy Artificial Intelligence and Organ Transplantation

SUMMARY

Components of clinical trustworthiness

Complexities of liver transplantation

ML applications for organ allocation

Interpretability of ML allocation decisions

Interpreting clinical decision making

Some caveats

Avoiding an AI winter

Majority of studies remain in testing environment *Kim et al Korean J Radiol 2019; 20; 405-410*

Some have not met their clinical aims *Wikinson J et al. Time to reality check the promise of machine learning powered precision medicine Lancet Digit Health 2020; 2; e677-80*

Improve trustworthiness by regulation

Modifications to Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning (AI/ML)-Based Software as a Medical Device (SaMD) - Discussion Paper and Request for Feedback. Food and Drug Administration, 2019.14 FaD A. *Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning (AI/ML)-Based Software as a Medical Device (SaMD).* Action Plan: Food and Drug Administration, 2021.

Commission E. *Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down harmonised rules on artificial intelligence (artificial intelligence act) and amending certain Union legislative acts.* Brussels: European Commission, 2021.

Components of trustworthiness for ML platforms

- Improvement on previous methodologies
- Interpretable results
- Clinically relevant problem
- Open process of development – formulation to implementation
- Public/Patient involvement
- Multiple simulation processes – synthetic data
- Transferable across jurisdictions
- Regulatory authorities
- Laws of Tort

Developing, implementing and governing artificial intelligence in medicine:

Preparation prior to AI development

Define clinical problem *Wiens et al Nat Med 2019; 25; 1627*

Evaluate deficiencies in previous models

Consider data biases *Wolff et al PROBAST Ann Int Med 2019; 170; 51-8*

Data privacy

AI model development

Applicable regulatory requirements- *FDA; harmonised rules on AI (EU)*

Prepare data

Train and validate

Evaluate, report results – *TRIPOD-ML Collins et al Lancet 2019; 393; 1577-9*

van de Sande D, Van Genderen ME, Smit JM, et al. Developing, implementing and governing artificial intelligence in medicine: a step-by-step approach to prevent an artificial intelligence winter. BMJ Health Care Inform 2022;29:e100495. doi:10.1136/bmjhci-2021-100495

Developing, implementing and governing artificial intelligence in medicine:

Assess performance and reliability

Externally validate – *Futoma et al Lancet Digit Health 2020; 2; e489-92*

Clinical papers – *DECIDE-AI New reporting guideline Nat Med 2021; 27; 186-187*

Clinical testing

Design an clinical study – *CONSORT-AI extension. Lancet Digit Health 2020; 2020; e537-48*

Implementation

Legal/regulatory – *Muehlematter et al Lancet digit Health 2021; 3; e195-203*

Model outcome governance – FDA, MDR

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Why is this an important area?

- Supply and Demand

Demand for transplantation increases

Limited increase in supply of donor organs

Mortality waiting for a liver transplant - 5% (UK) - 20% (US)

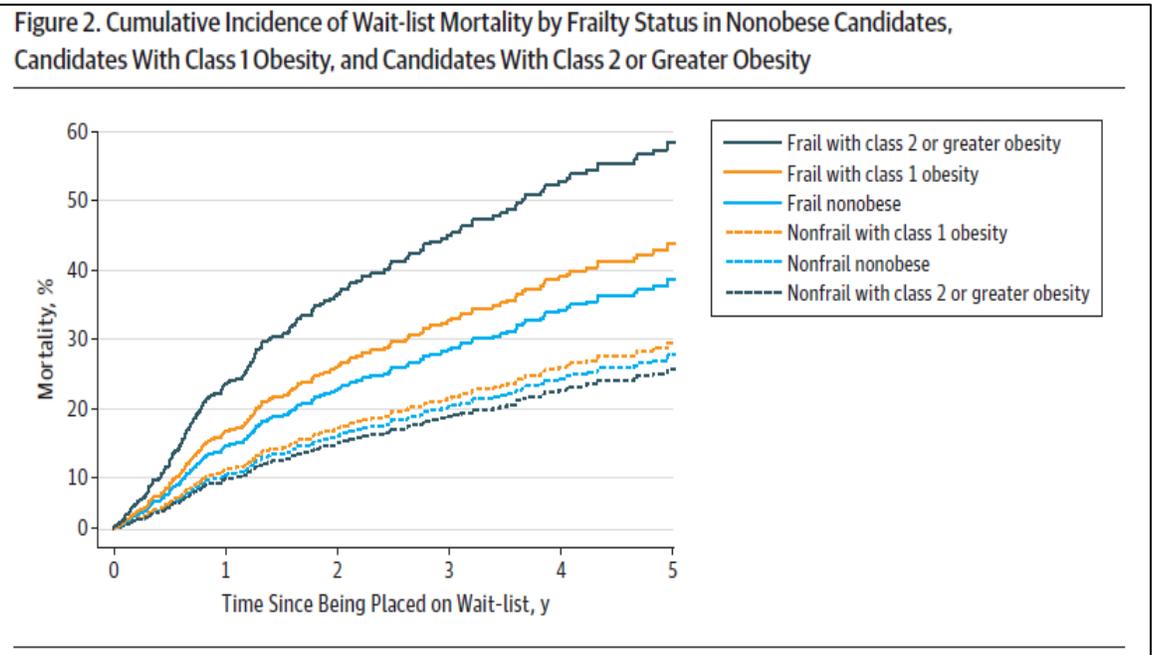
Quality of organ donors deteriorating

- older, obese, 'marginal' donors

- A paradigm for scarce healthcare resource

Why is this a complex and interesting area?

- High quality databases
- Multi-dimensional donor and recipient space
 - Up to 17 donor/recipient factors impact outcome
- Non-linear interactions
 - Na, K, urea/creatinine, BMI
- Counterfactuals
 - impact of not receiving a transplant
- Assignment bias
- Informative censoring



Liver Transplantation – some basics

Only solution for end-stage chronic liver disease

Multiple causes for end stage liver disease

3 year survival without a transplant - 5%

Good outcome – 94% survival at one year, 75% at 5 years

Highly technical, costly intervention

UK - 776 (2021); US - 8372 (2019)

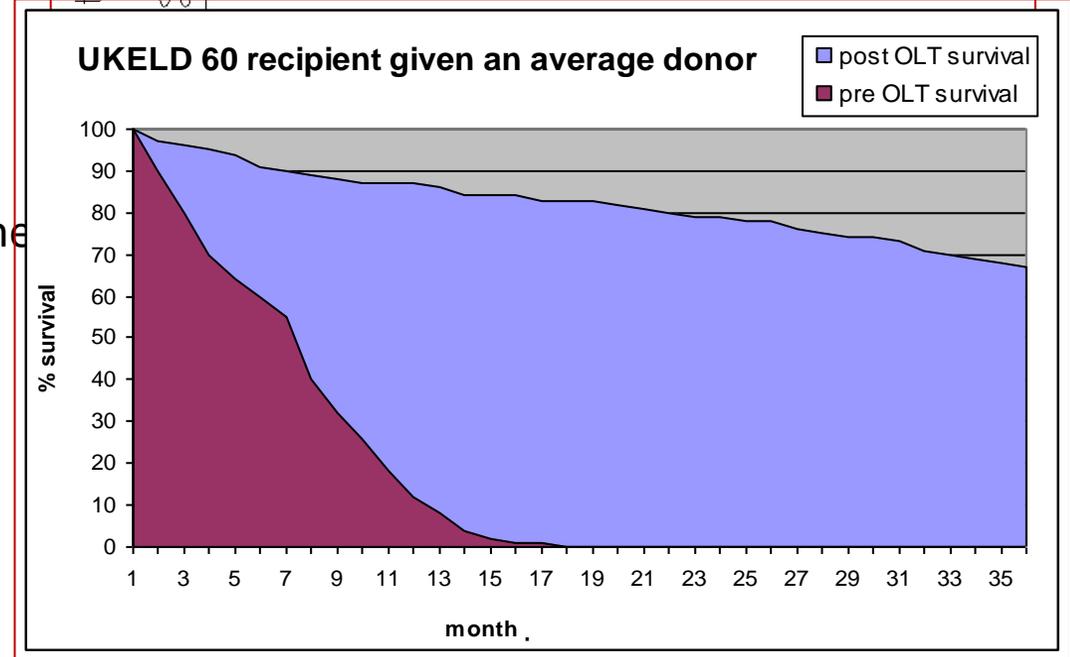
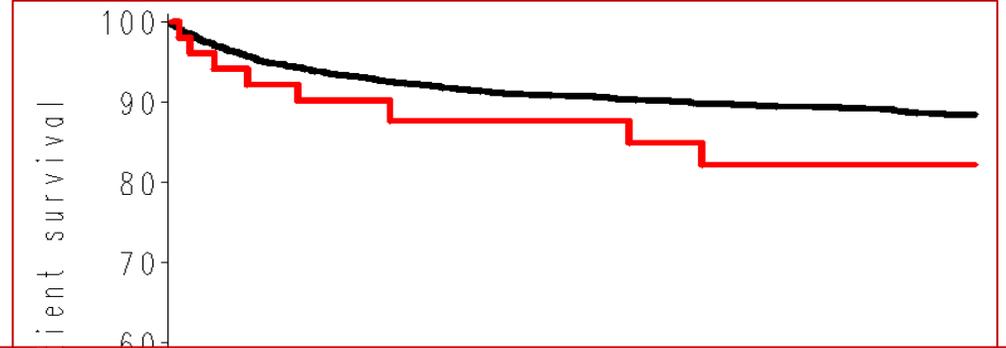
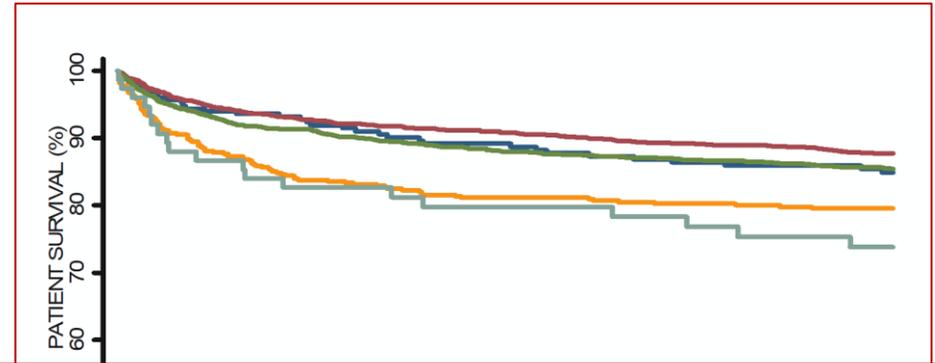
Both Recipient Disease Severity and Donor Quality and impact outcome

Allocation principles varies

Need - sickest patient first; US

Utility – best outcome

Benefit - net life years gained; UK March 2018



Organ transplantation and machine learning

1. Wait list entry criteria
2. Optimal donor organ allocation
3. Clinical variation in offer acceptance rates – quantitative epistemology
4. Predicting graft failure rates
5. Individualised immunosuppression regimens
6. Temporal phenotyping donor-recipient pairs
7. Time dependant monitoring policies

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Haydon GH, Hiltunen Y, Lucey MR, Collett D, Gunson B, Murphy N, et al. **Self-organizing maps** can determine outcome and match recipients and donors at orthotopic liver transplantation. Transplantation 2005;79:213-218.

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Organ allocation; principles and considerations

Outcome without a donor

Outcome with a specific donor

Time till another “better / optimal” donor appears

Mortality waiting for the “better / optimal” donor

Impact of any deterioration in clinical status whilst waiting

Impact of new potential recipients on the transplant list

Interpretable results

Need – sickest patient first

Risks increasing post transplant mortality

Utility – best match for outcome

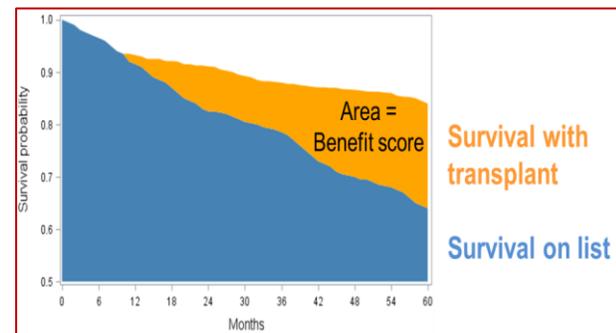
Risks increasing pre-transplant mortality

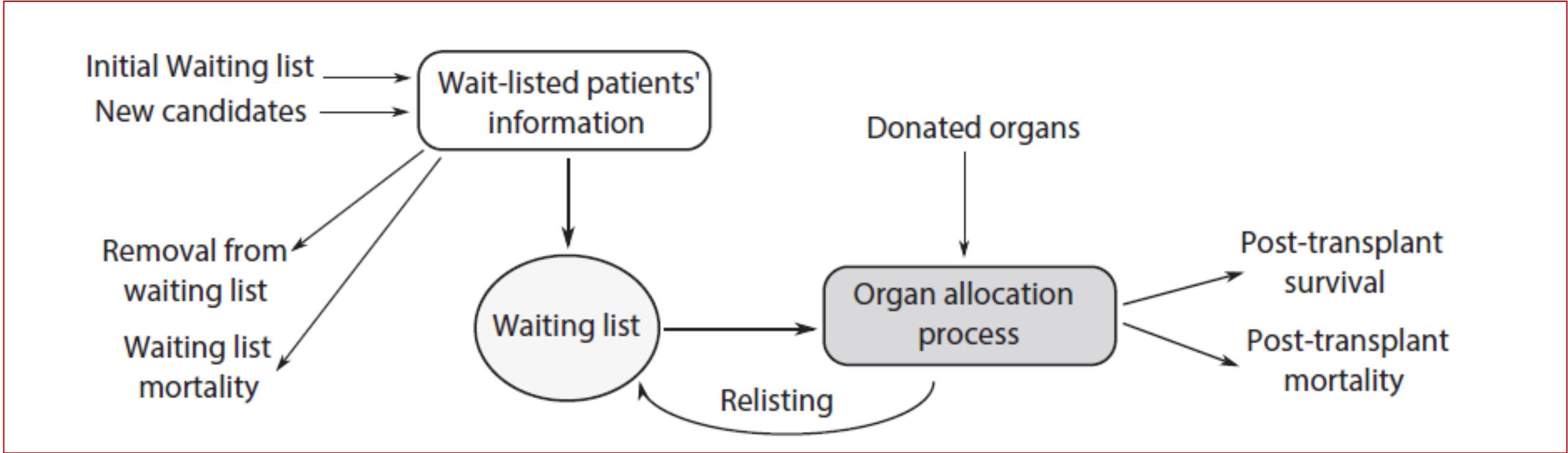
Benefit – incremental gain in survival

Net life years gained

Population life years

Complex





Population life years

Transplantation judged from point of registration (minimum entry criteria)

Death or removal from transplant waiting list

Death after transplantation

Removal from post transplant list due to graft failure

Survival to end time point – 5 years

Societal aim of organ transplantation is to maximise population life years on an intention to treat basis

OrganITE: Optimal transplant donor organ offering using an individual treatment effect

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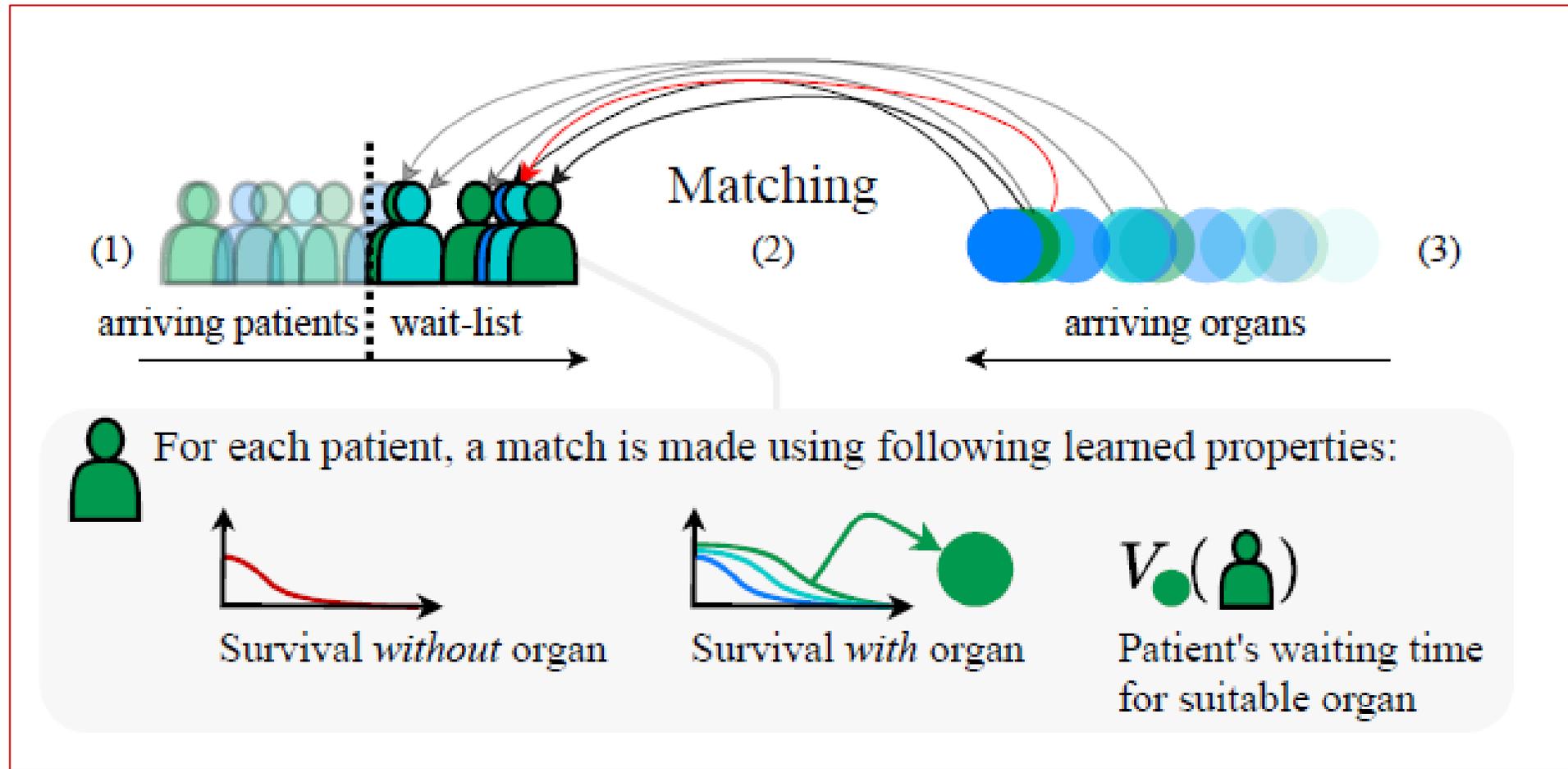
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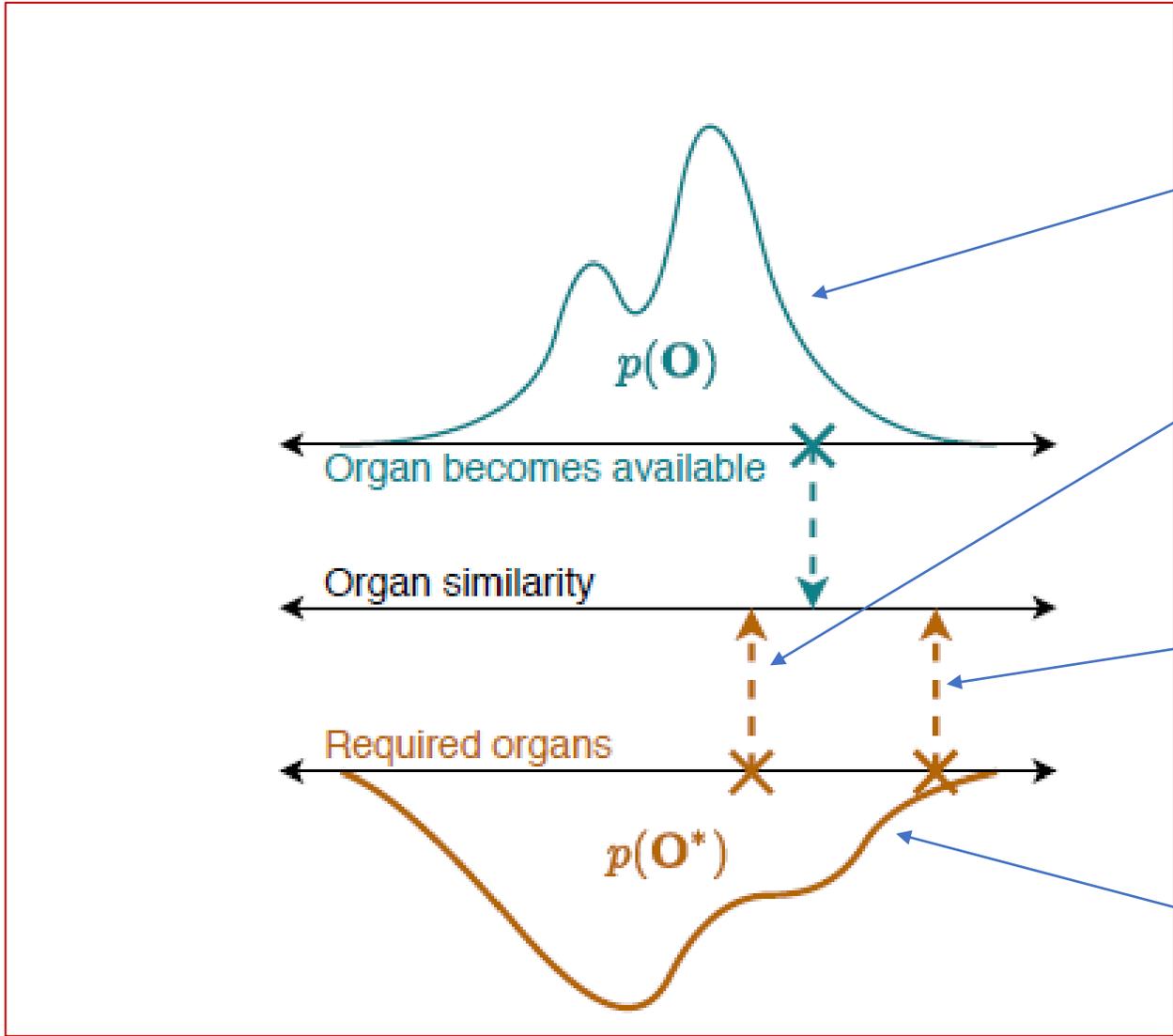
Simulation of outcomes between real time allocation compared to allocation by other methodologies

A balanced score composed of;

- Transplant benefit using Individual Treatment Effects
Bica, I., Alaa, A. M., Lambert, C., & Van Der Schaar, M. (2021). From real-world patient data to individualized treatment effects using machine learning: current and future methods to address underlying challenges. *Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics*.
- Estimation of ‘optimal’ donor for each case on the list
- Future probability of the optimal donor arriving



UK Transplant Database; 18,048 recipients; 14,168 donors with clinical and laboratory data;



Donor organ availability

Recipient has a better match but higher probability of a future optimal donor

Recipient has a less good match but a low probability of receiving a future optimal donor match

Future 'optimal' donor organ probability

<i>Using our ITE model</i>	FIFO	SPF	BM	IS	CM	OrganITE
Population life years	83509	92153	104889	111228	110129	112359
Deaths in \mathcal{X}_Q	0.2646	0.2309	0.2357	0.2067	0.2038	0.1926
Deaths before 5 years in \mathcal{X}_M	0.1683	0.1869	0.1702	0.1593	0.1891	0.1472
Avg. days alive in \mathcal{X}_Q	32.49	32.38	32.81	32.65	33.12	37.19
Avg. years alive in \mathcal{X}_M	4.347	4.138	5.088	5.057	5.165	5.905

FIFO – first in - first out

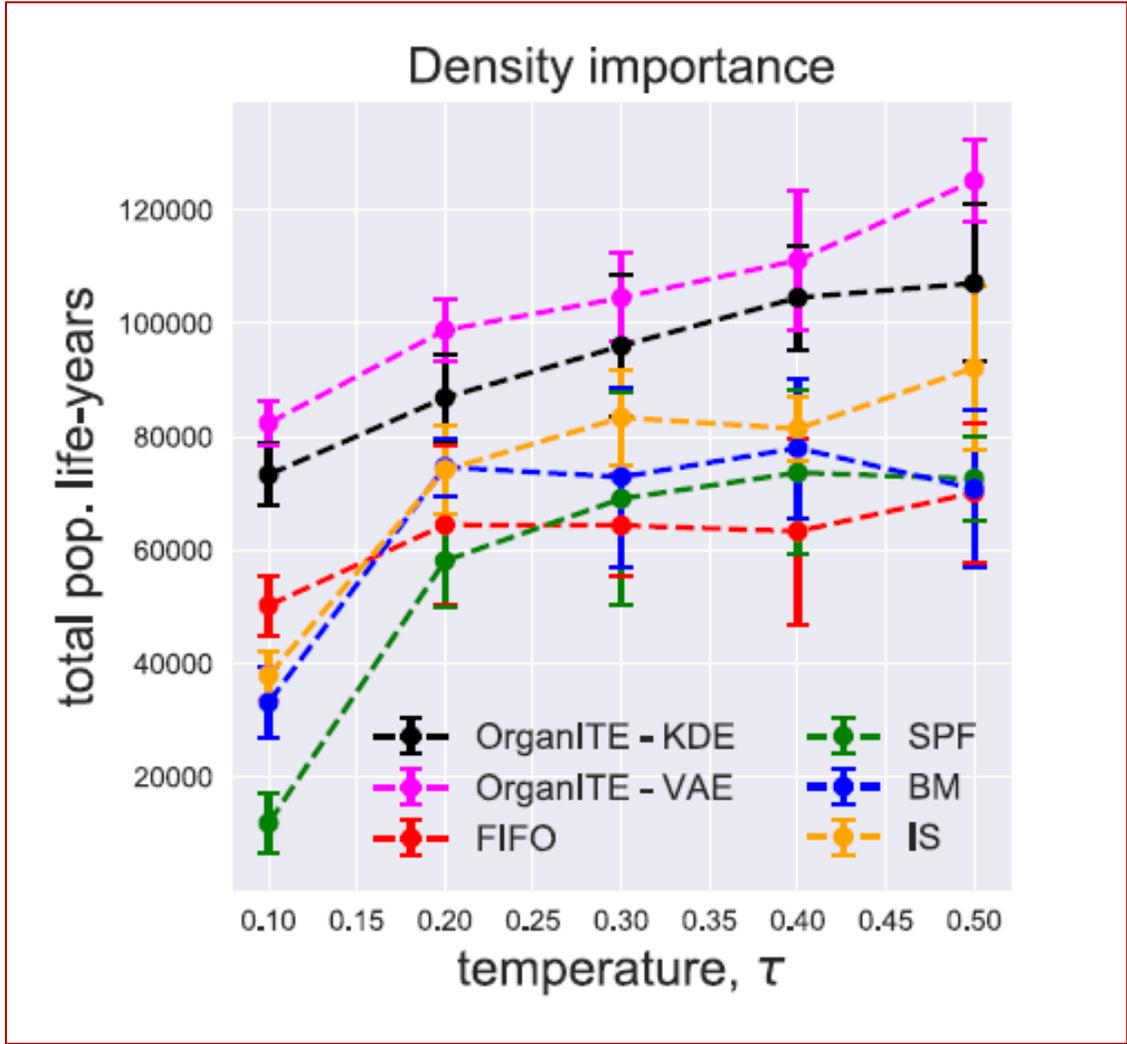
SPF – sickest patient first

BM – best match for post transplant survival

IS – incremental survival, transplant benefit without considering organ density

\mathcal{X}_Q - waiting list mortality

\mathcal{X}_M - post transplant mortality



Low Risk recipient with a High Risk donor

Patient

Outpatient
 Ward



Age:

Liver disease:

Bil(umol/L):
 INR:
 Creat(umol/L):
 Na(mmol/L):

K(mmol/L):
 Alb(g/L):
 HCV:

Renal support: No Haemodialysis Haemofiltration

Encep.: No Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 3

Ascites
 Has Diabetes
 Had liver transplant
 Had abdominal surgery
 Had previous visit

Donor

Age:

BMI:

Cause of death:

Donor type:

Diabetes:

Donor Predictions

Example of an optimal donor for the current patient

Age	BMI	Diabetes	Type	CoD
15	17	no	DBD	Other

The probability of finding a donor

Similar to the current donor	Similar to the optimal donor
2.6 %	5.4 %

Patient Predictions

The following graphs show risk predictions up to 15 years with and without a transplant. The left-hand graph shows OrganITE's predictions, whereas the right-hand graph shows predictions using the Cox proportional hazards (Cox PH) model.

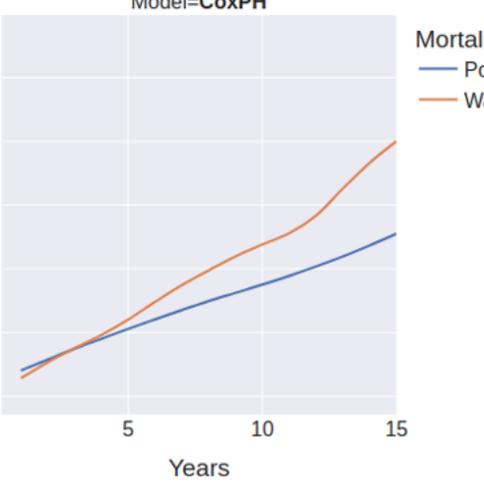
Model=OrganITE

High-risk donor: +0.09% mortality risk

Low-risk donor: -0.1% mortality risk



Model=CoxPH



Mortality risk: — Post transplant, — Waiting list

TBS(PH) Score -468.1

Need(M1) 1507.3 Utility(M2) 1039.2

UKELD score 52

Avg. surv. without a transplant 243 days

MELD score 9

Avg. surv. without a transplant 294 days

MELD-Na score 13

Avg. surv. without a transplant 266 days

High Risk recipient with a Low Risk donor

Patient



Age:

Liver disease:

Bil(umol/L):
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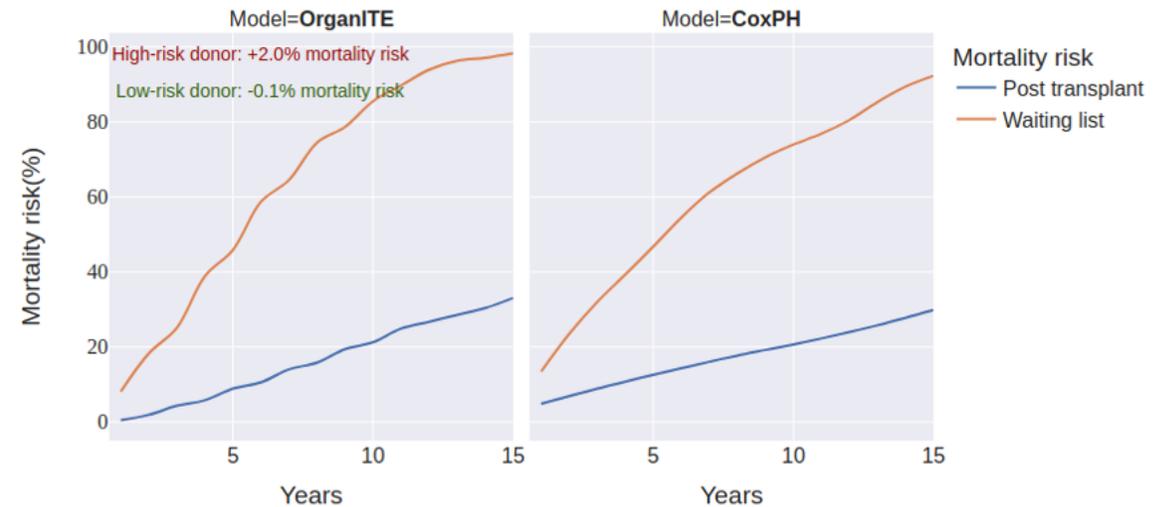
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TBS(PH) Score [↗](#) **1372**

Need(M1) 227.1 Utility(M2) 1599.1

UKELD score [↗](#) **62**

Avg. surv. without a transplant 76 days

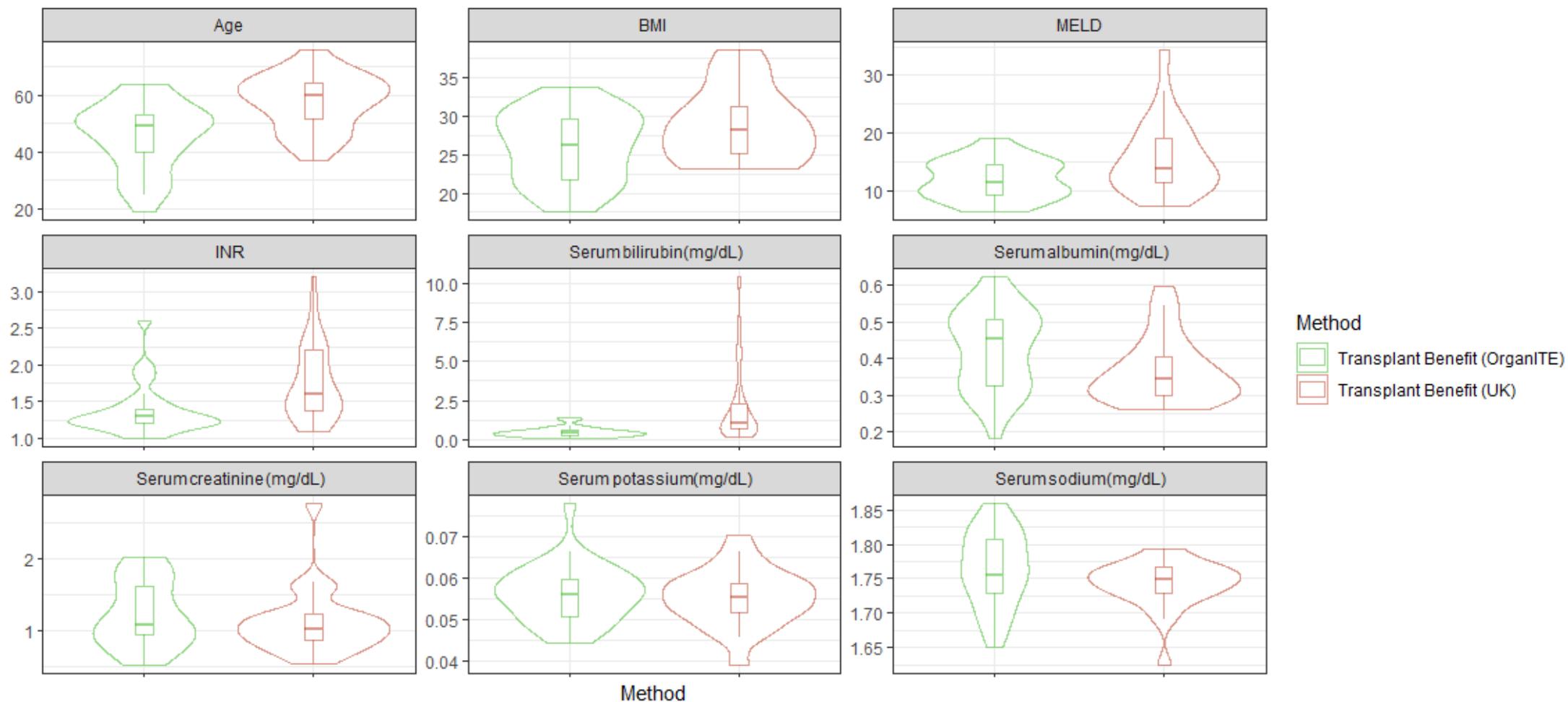
MELD score [↗](#) **18**

Avg. surv. without a transplant 145 days

MELD-Na score [↗](#) **24**

Avg. surv. without a transplant 87 days

Characteristics of patients transplanted by OrganITE and CoxPH



Learning Queueing Policies for Organ Transplantation Allocation using *Interpretable Counterfactual Survival Analysis*

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OrganSync

1. ITE survival estimation, with organ density
2. An interpretable high-dimensional potential outcomes estimator
3. An new queueing-theoretic framework

Learning queueing policies using interpretable counterfactual survival analysis

OrganSync

Modelling the future arrival distribution of the high-dimensional donor organ space is difficult.

Group donors into a queue with similar 'outcomes'

Reduce the problem of estimating the complete future organ arrival process, to estimating the arrival process of k distinct "types" of organs. (cohorts, groups, classes)

When a patient enters the transplant system

1. Placed in one of the clusters on basis of their optimal outcome from both survival with that organ class and survival in the time before organs in that cluster are expected to arrive.
3. Within each organ cluster class we use the patient's survival without an organ to prioritise them in their cluster's ranking.

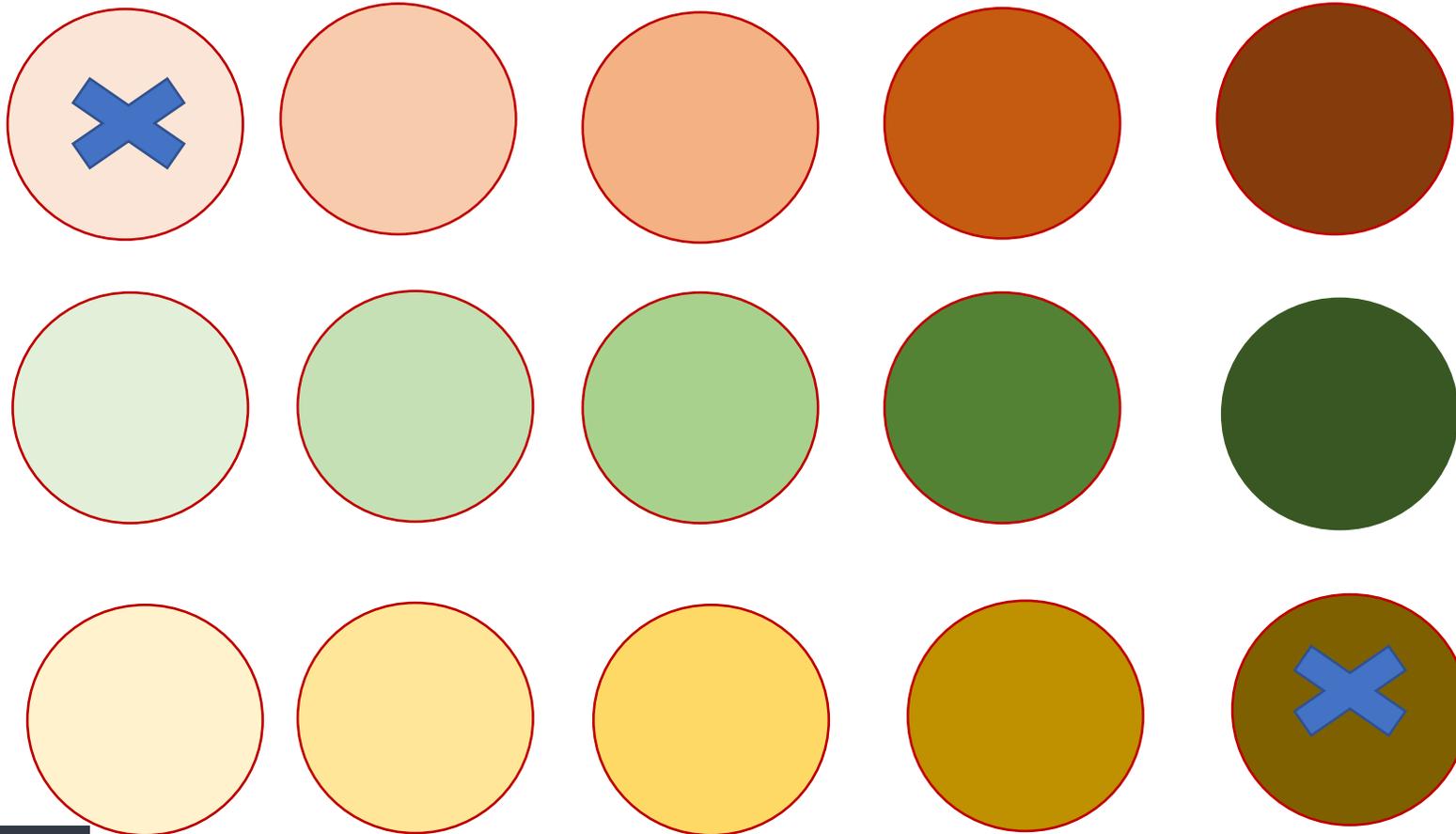
When a new donor organ arrives

1. Placed in the cluster class more closely resembling it
2. Offered to the first ranked in the organ cluster class queue.

Table 2. Results on organ allocation. For each dataset we report the allocation performance of the benchmarks outlined in Table 1, in terms of added life-years (ALY), as well as total deaths over the course of one year. We set MELD as the baseline, to compare against. All results are reported in percentages (“%” is dropped for brevity) and ran over ten data-folds, standard deviation in brackets.

<i>Method</i>	UNOS		UKReg	
	Deaths	ALY	Deaths	ALY
MELD	compared against			
FIFO	-0.9 (.01)	-2.0 (.11)	-1.1 (.16)	-5 (.01)
M-na	-0.3 (.13)	+1.2 (.10)	-2.1 (.18)	+6 (.01)
TB	+7.0 (.19)	+2.4 (.21)	+0.9 (.11)	+8 (.03)
CM	-0.01 (.09)	+12.8 (.31)	+0.1 (.11)	+7 (.02)
O-ITE	-3.6 (.18)	+11.1 (.28)	-3.3 (.12)	+11 (.15)
OS	-3.5 (.15)	+13.1 (.19)	-4.1 (.21)	+ 13 (.03)

Each cluster class will have specific donor and recipient features that are different to other classes, but are associated with similar outcomes, allowing interpretation of reasons why allocation of a specific donor to a particular recipient was made



Each cluster will differ with respect to donor features (e.g. age, DM, BMI, cause of death, DCD,DBD.....)

and recipient parameters (eg Na, bilirubin, albumen, INR, age, clinical characteristics...)

Optimal organ allocation processes

Outcome without a donor

Outcome with a specific donor

Time till another “better / optimal” donor appears

Mortality waiting for the “better / optimal donor”

Impact of any deterioration in clinical status whilst waiting

Impact of new potential recipients on the transplant list

Interpretable results

Clinical variation has a crucially important impact on patient care and outcomes

Liver transplant center variability in accepting organ offers and its impact on patient survival

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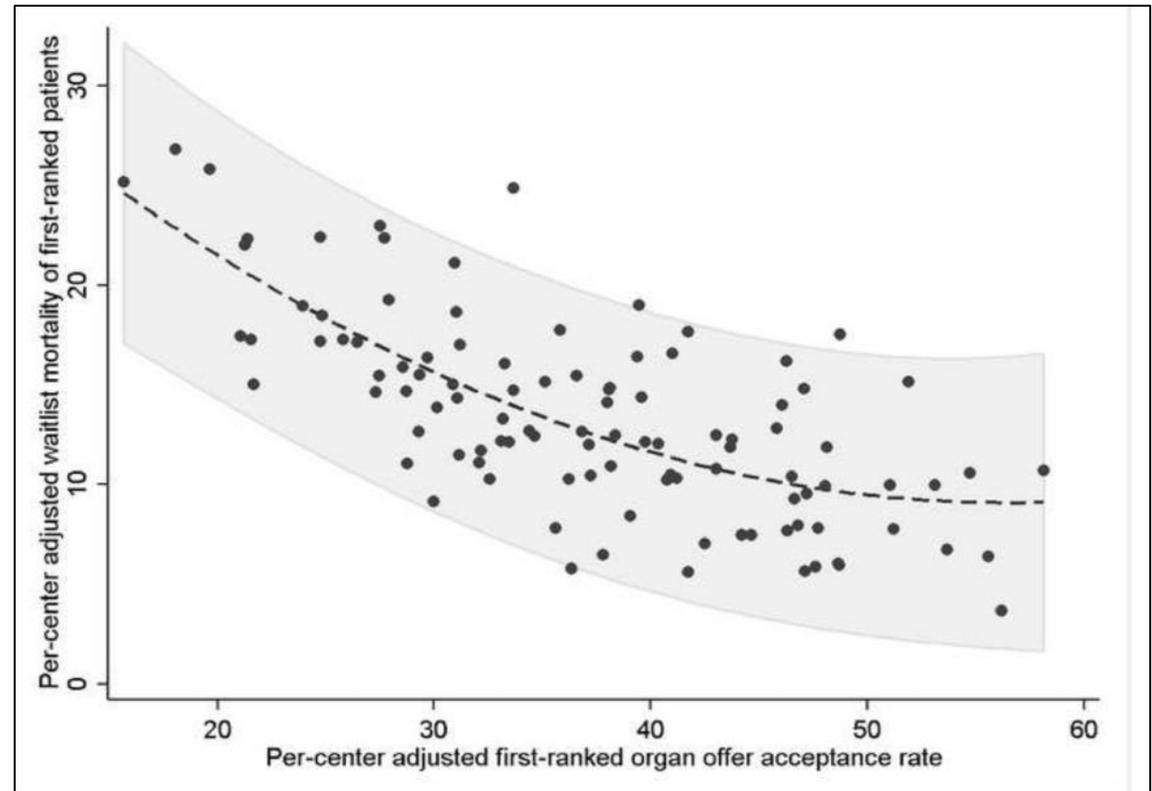
23,740 organ offers, 8,882 (37.4%) accepted for the first-ranked patient.

Adjusted center-specific organ acceptance rates (OAR) ranged from 15.7% to 58.1%.

For every 5% decrease in OAR 27% increased odds of waitlist mortality

4% absolute difference in median 5-year graft survival

Variance in clinical decisions have important consequences



Donor offer acceptance rates for donors after brain death and donors after cardiac death. UK 2018-2020

Figure 3.11 Named adult elective liver offer decline rates that resulted in a liver only first transplant from DBD donors, 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2020

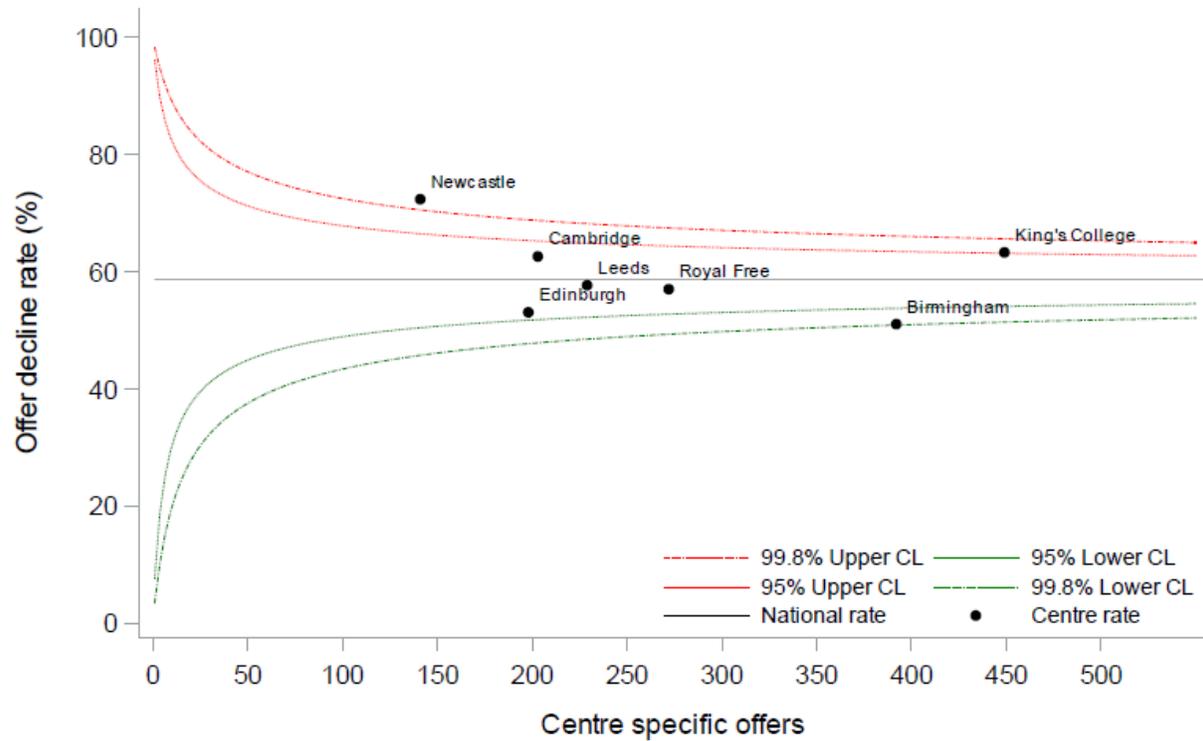
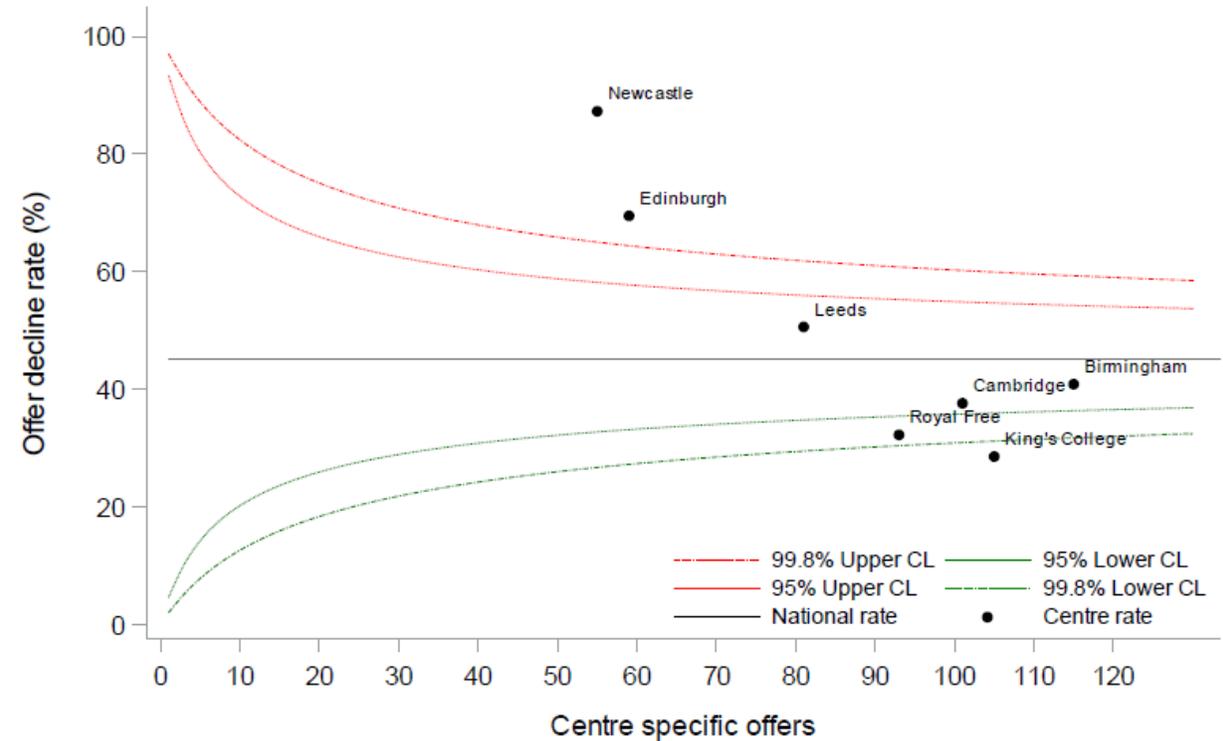


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Addressing Clinical Variation – quantitative epistemology

Can we identify the drivers of clinical decisions

- at a population level?
- at a instance-wise level ?
- how such drivers have changed with time?
- national allocation guidelines/policies ?

Closing the loop in medical decision support by understanding clinical decision-making: A case study on organ transplantation

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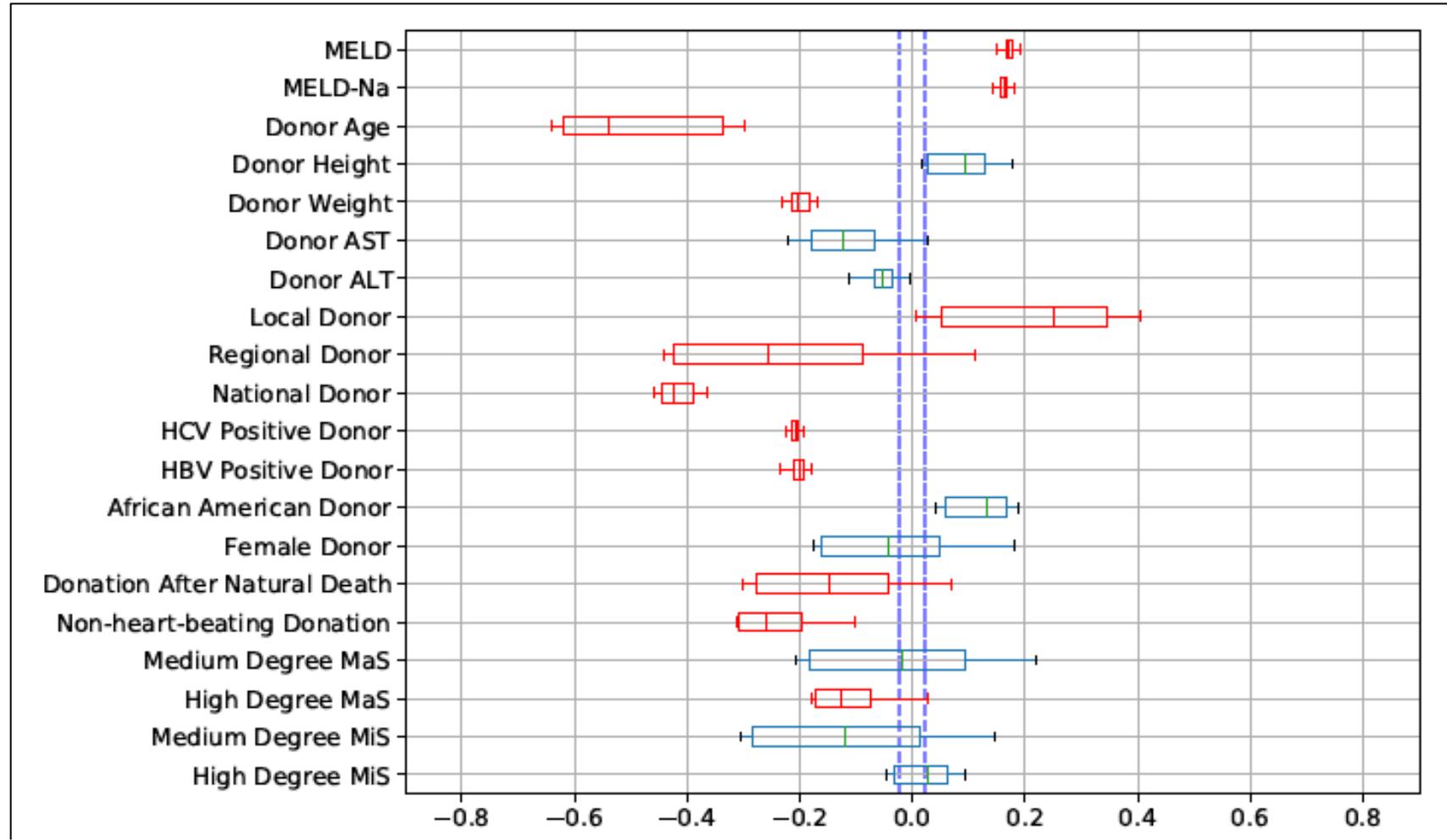
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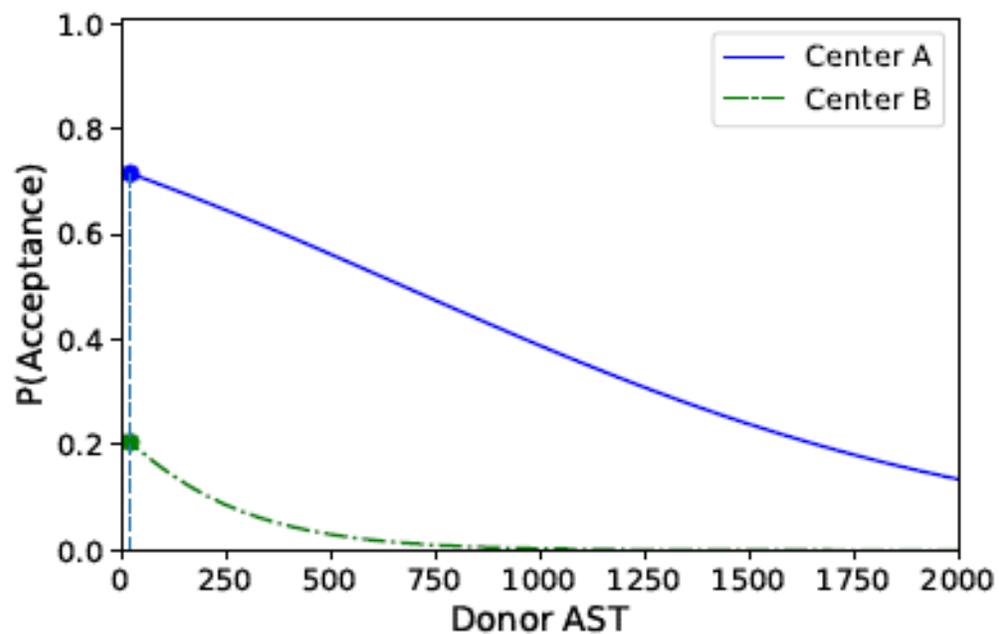
- Discover which criteria are most important to clinicians for organ offer acceptance;
- Identify patient-specific organ preferences of centres

Explore variations in transplantation practices between different transplant centres.

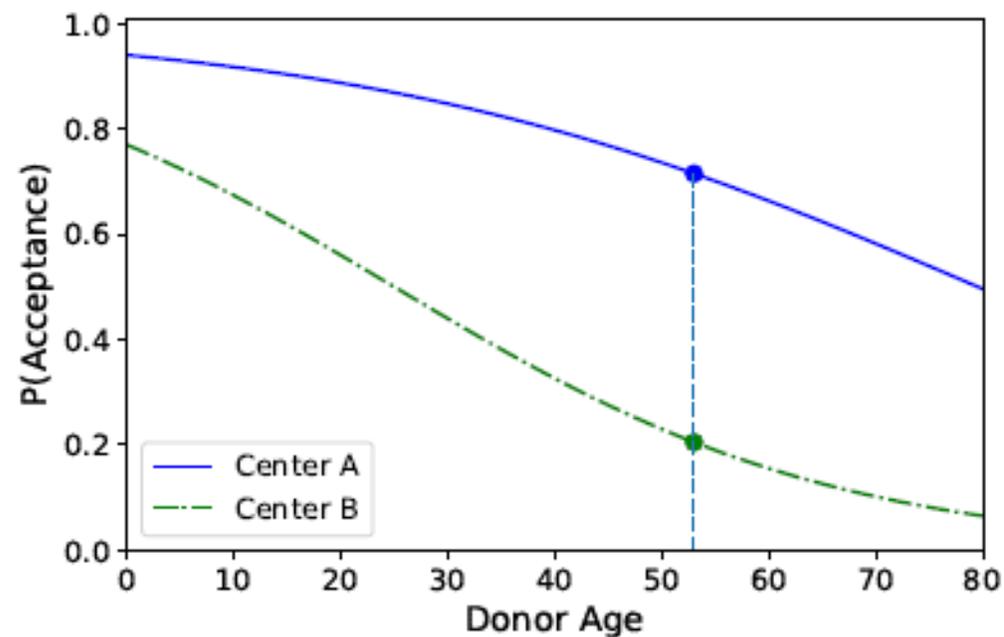
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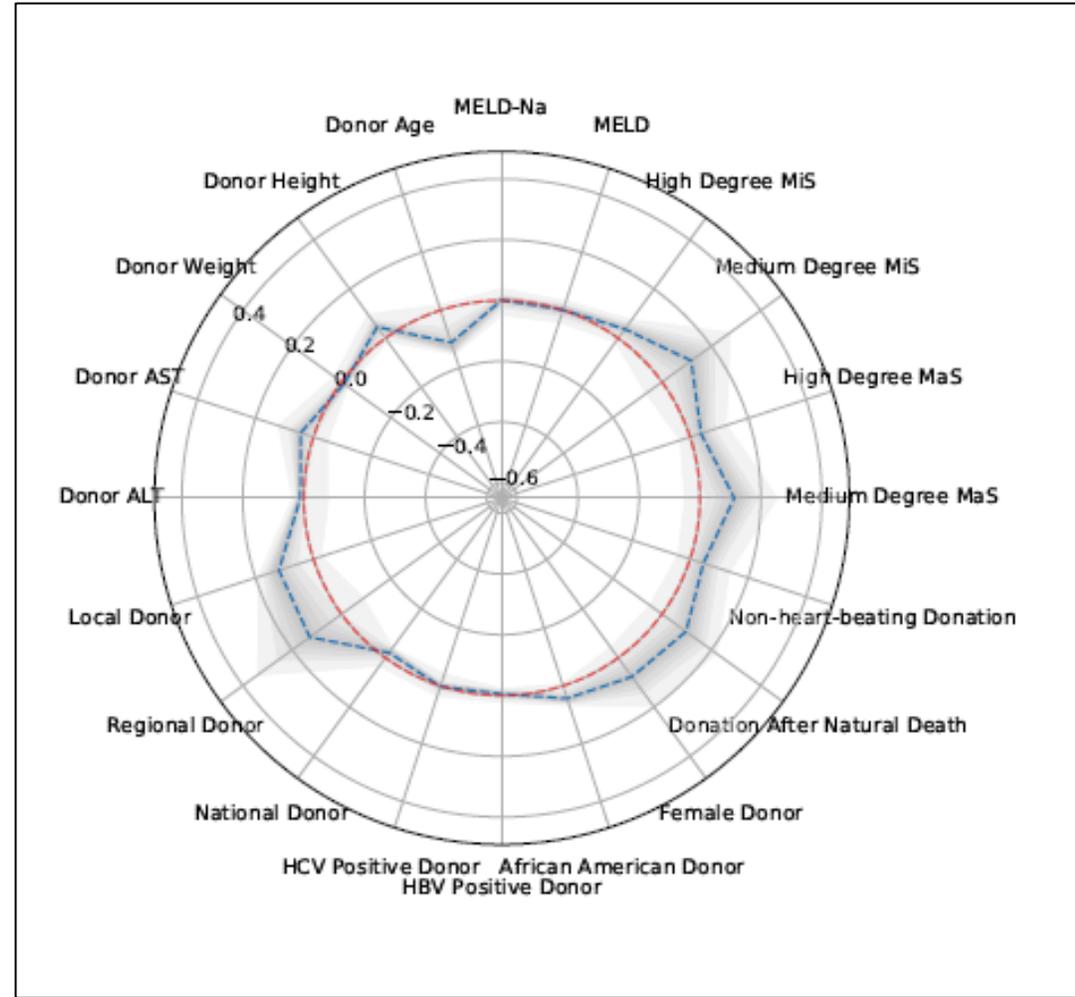
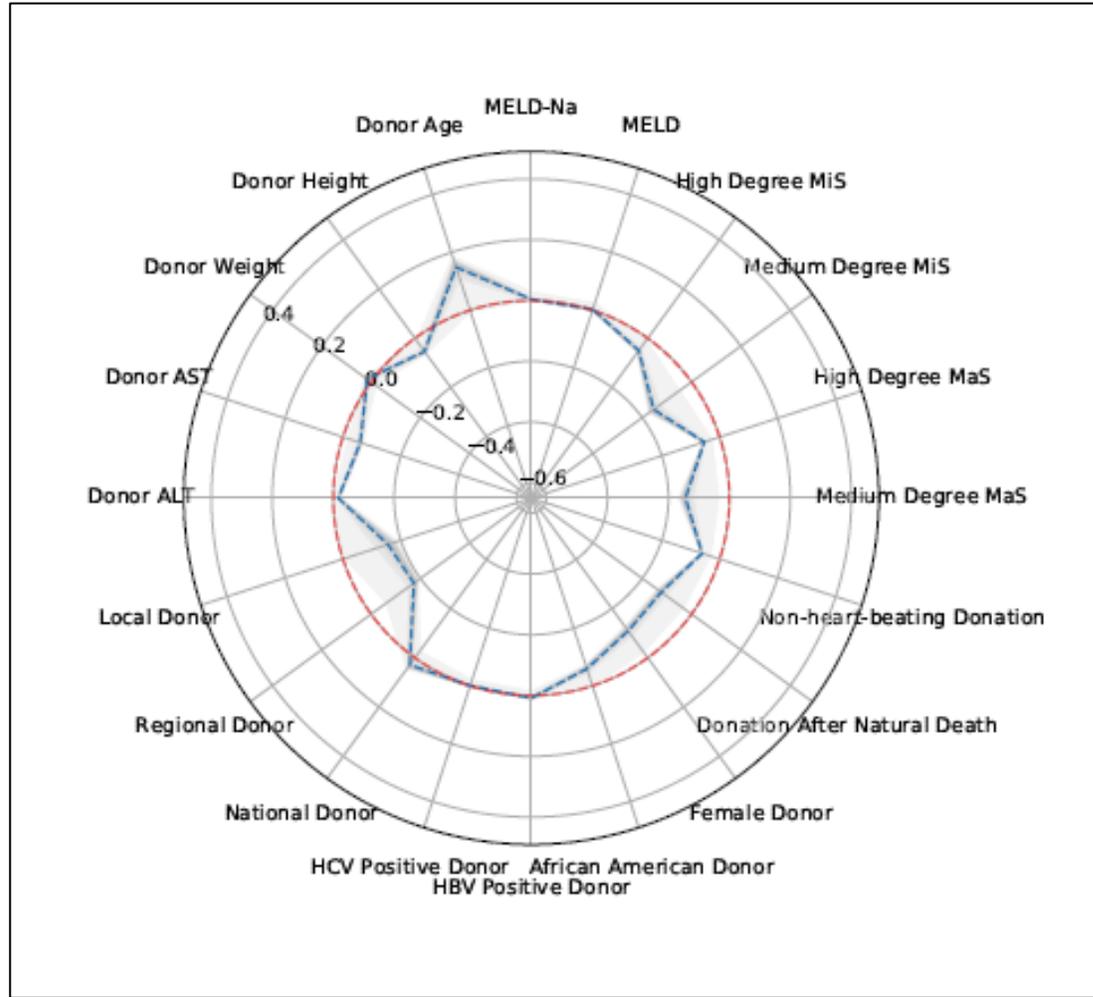
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LOGISTIC REGRESSION (LR)	0.794±0.054	0.341±0.061	-0.538±0.051
PER-CLUSTER LR	0.803±0.049	0.352±0.063	-0.527±0.048
PER-CLUSTER LR (WITH INTERACTION TERMS)	0.824±0.054	0.371±0.073	-0.490±0.063
iTRANSPLANT (OURS)	0.898±0.048	0.508±0.064	-0.385±0.076



(a) Counterfactual impact of donor AST test value.



(b) Counterfactual impact of donor age.

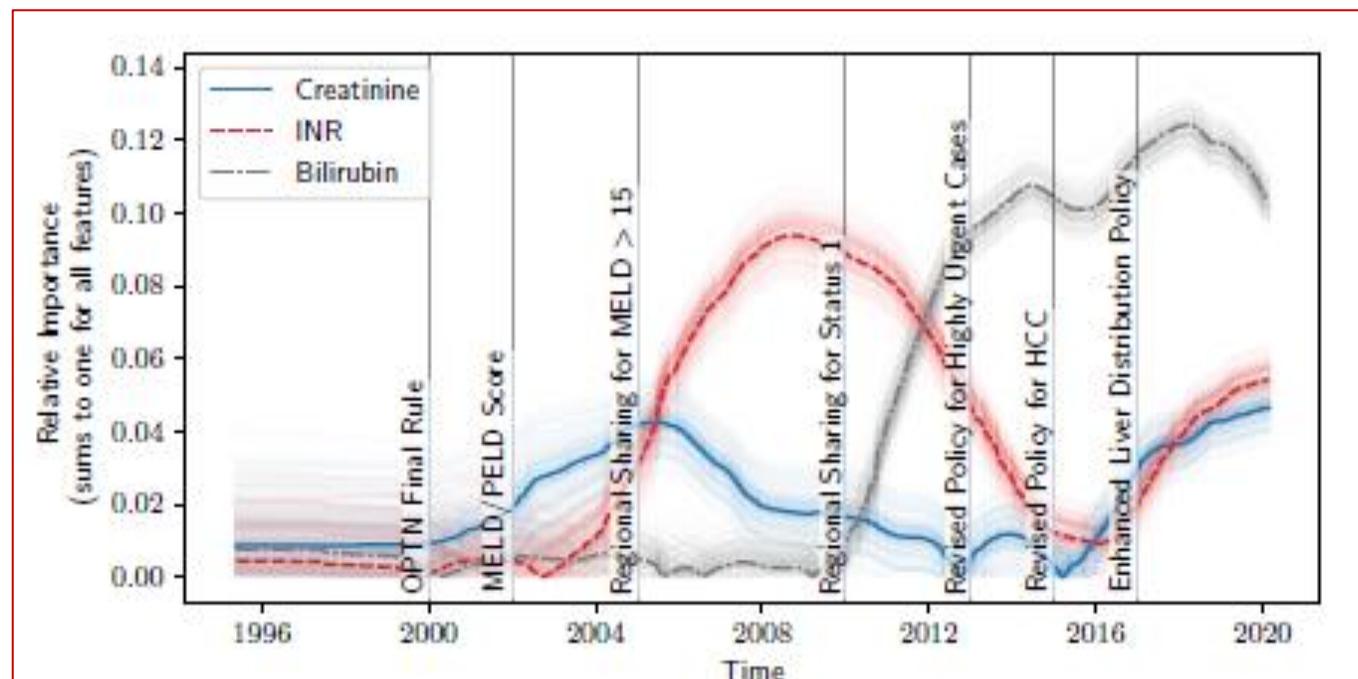
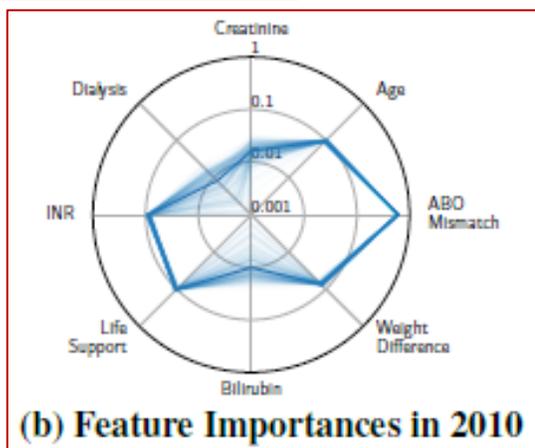
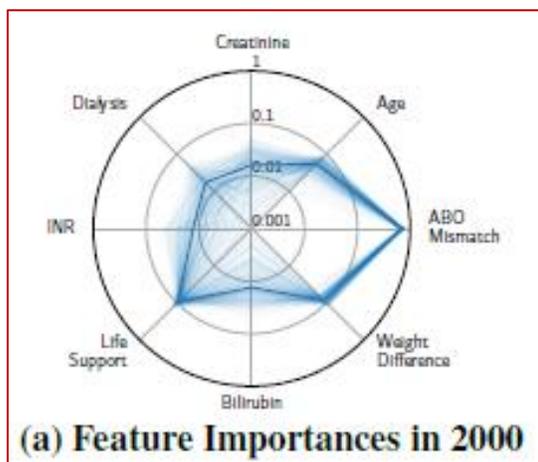


CLUSTER	MELD SCORE					HCC STATUS	
	[0, 10)	[10, 20)	[20, 30)	[30, 40)	[40, +∞)	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE
1	14.8 %	76.36%	8.67%	0.17%	0.00%	1.53%	98.47 %
3	0.97%	65.52%	27.59%	4.41%	1.52%	0.00%	100.00%

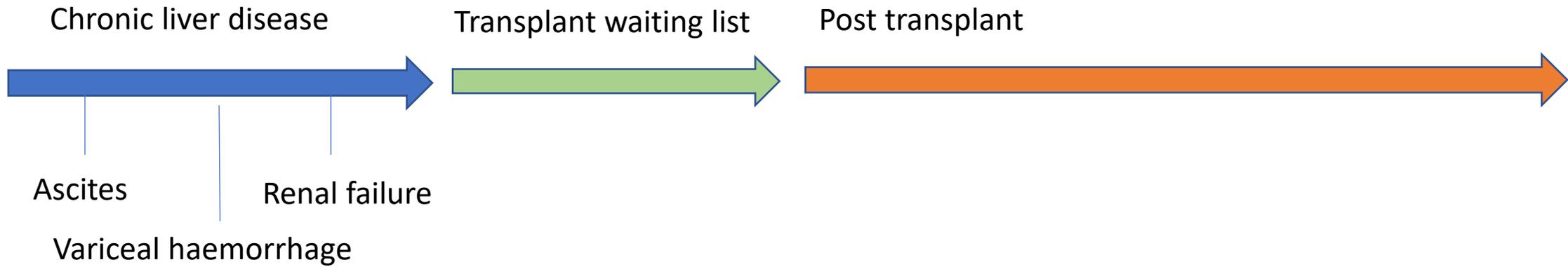
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Future ecosystems of ML applications in chronic liver disease



Autoprognosis 2.0

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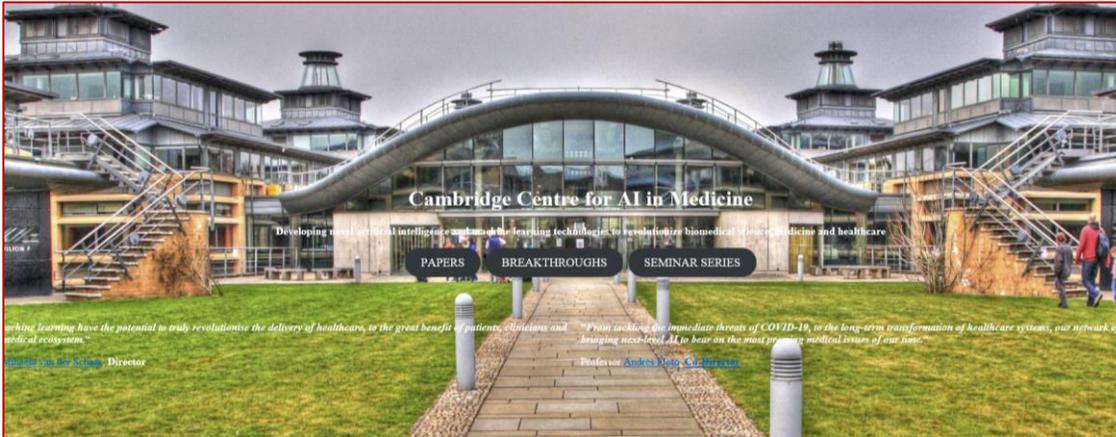
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Monitoring regimens

Some caveats

- Implementation of change within Medicine is often slow
- Interpretability and predictive accuracy are two main components of trust in new AI methodologies
- Public involvement
- Changes in waiting list therapies
- Changes in treatments for specific diagnoses
- New indications for transplantation
- Waiting list entry criteria at an individual versus a population level

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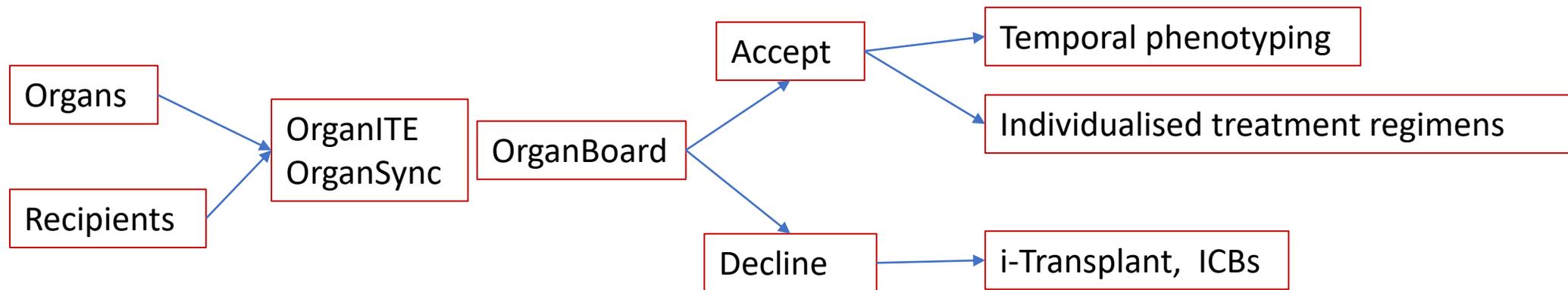
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