

LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Response to: Jan Lerut, Laudatio for Prof. Raimund Margreiter on the occasion of the honorary membership of ESOT

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Dear Sirs,

While I was extremely honored to be awarded ESOT honorary membership at the recent ESOT congress in Vienna, the comprehensive and very personal laudation that was presented by my dear friend Jan Lerut and published in *Transplant International* [1] contains a small error in stating that our multiorgan transplant program was started in 1998. In actual fact, we performed our first multivisceral transplant comprising the liver, stomach, pancreaticoduodenal complex as well as the entire small bowel on December 26, 1989 in a 49-year-old male [2]. That was the first adult to receive a multivisceral graft after two children each had already been transplanted by T.E. Starzl in Pittsburgh [3] and J.W. Williams in Chicago [4] between 1983 and 1988. Our patient became the first to survive long term after this complex procedure.

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