Letter to the Editor

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Renal Transplantation from Anencephalic Donors

Comment on the Letter of [Gómez-Campderá](#) et al.

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Dear Sir,

The information provided by Dr. Gómez-Campderá et al. regarding the successful use of anencephalic kidneys for transplantation is certainly interesting. As indicated by Dr. Gómez-Campderá et al., other authors have had success with anencephalic kidneys for cadaveric renal transplantation; however, when the total reported experience is evaluated, the success rate is suboptimal.

If the methodology used by Holzgreve et al. were universally adopted, it is possible that a significant number of anencephalic kidneys, that were previously lost because of primary nonfunction, would be able to provide adequate function. However, it is not a uniform agreement that the methodology used by Holzgreve et al. is ethically acceptable.