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Thank you for taking the time to review our center-specific data and comments.

Dell Children's Medical Center Pediatric Heart Transplant program offers advanced heart failure therapies to the most complex patients with pediatric congenital heart disease. We are a young program having transplanted our first patient in October 2020. To date, we continue to evaluate some of the sickest patients in the region and have performed thirty adult and pediatric heart transplants.

Our center is expected to have less than the national average survival rates due to our higher volume of Congenital Heart Disease patients. We have currently transplanted 27 patients of our total 30 (90%) with complex congenital heart disease, and many of these patients were denied transplant at other centers. These patients often have had multiple cardiac operations and complications from these surgeries that are often not able to be completely captured in the risk models that are used to calculate outcomes. Our outcomes, while overall very good, reflect this high-risk population.

Sincerely,

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