LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Reply to the letter from Damman et al.: Heart transplantation in the Netherlands: a national achievement

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We appreciate the response provided by colleagues Damman, Brügemann, De Boer, Erasmus and Van den Broek to the overview of heart transplantation at the UMCU [1] and accompanying editorial [2]. It is well taken that indeed the transplant programme at the UMCG in Groningen has developed into a strong and essential part of the total heart transplant programme in the Netherlands, and should be recognised as such. In that respect I would like to highlight that the authors nicely show that we are in the fortunate position that heart transplantation is indeed a national endeavour with equally important contributions from the three centres in Rotterdam, Utrecht and Groningen. **Open Access** This article is distributed under the terms of the Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International License (http:// creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/), which permits unrestricted use, distribution, and reproduction in any medium, provided you give appropriate credit to the original author(s) and the source, provide a link to the Creative Commons license, and indicate if changes were made.

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