

# Liver and Intestine Committee

*Fall 2019*

# Recently Implemented Proposal

## National Liver Review Board

- Three specialty boards
  - Adult HCC
  - Adult other diagnosis
  - Pediatric
- Appeals
  - 1<sup>st</sup> to same review group
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> to Appeals Review Team (ART)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> to Liver Committee

# NLRB Results

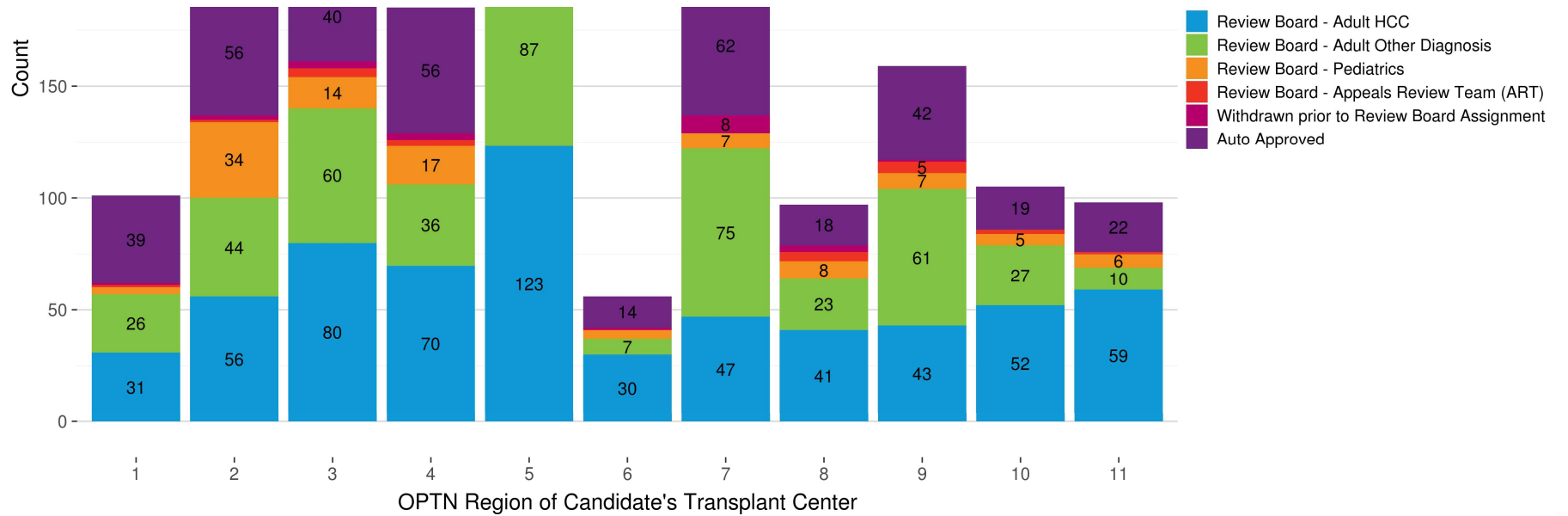
Data from May 14, 2019 (implementation) to June 24, 2019

- Exception request forms submitted:
  - 1218 initial and extension forms
  - 163 appeal forms
  - 33 ART appeal forms
- Of the initial and exception forms submitted to a specialty board for review,
  - 58% reviewed by the adult HCC board,
  - 34.8% reviewed by the adult other diagnosis board
  - 5.9% reviewed by the pediatrics board

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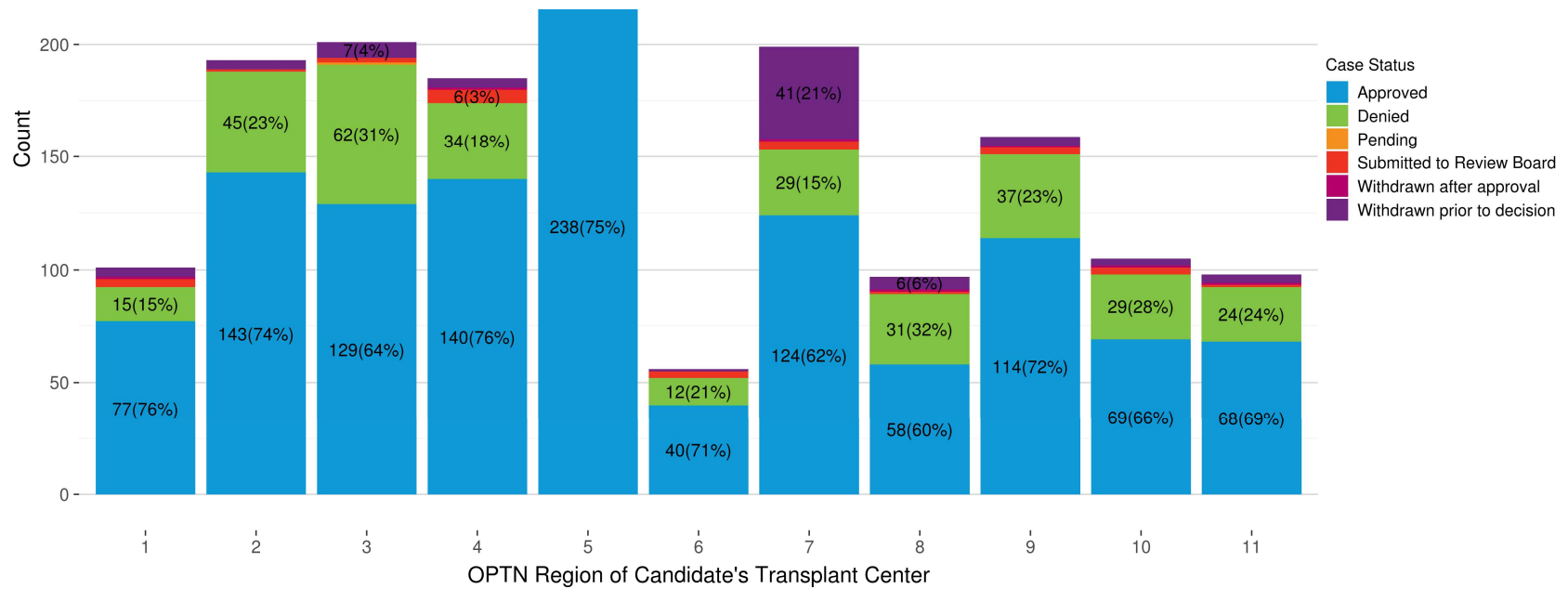
- Data from May 14, 2019 (implementation) to June 24, 2019
  - Overall approval rate: 60.6%
  - By specialty board, the approval rates were
    - 73.7% for the adult HCC board
    - 45.9% for the adult other diagnosis board
    - 67.4% the pediatrics board

# Exception Forms Submitted by OPTN Region and Specialty Review Board



\*Groups with N < 5 do not contain counts in graph.

# Exception Forms Submitted by OPTN Region and Outcome



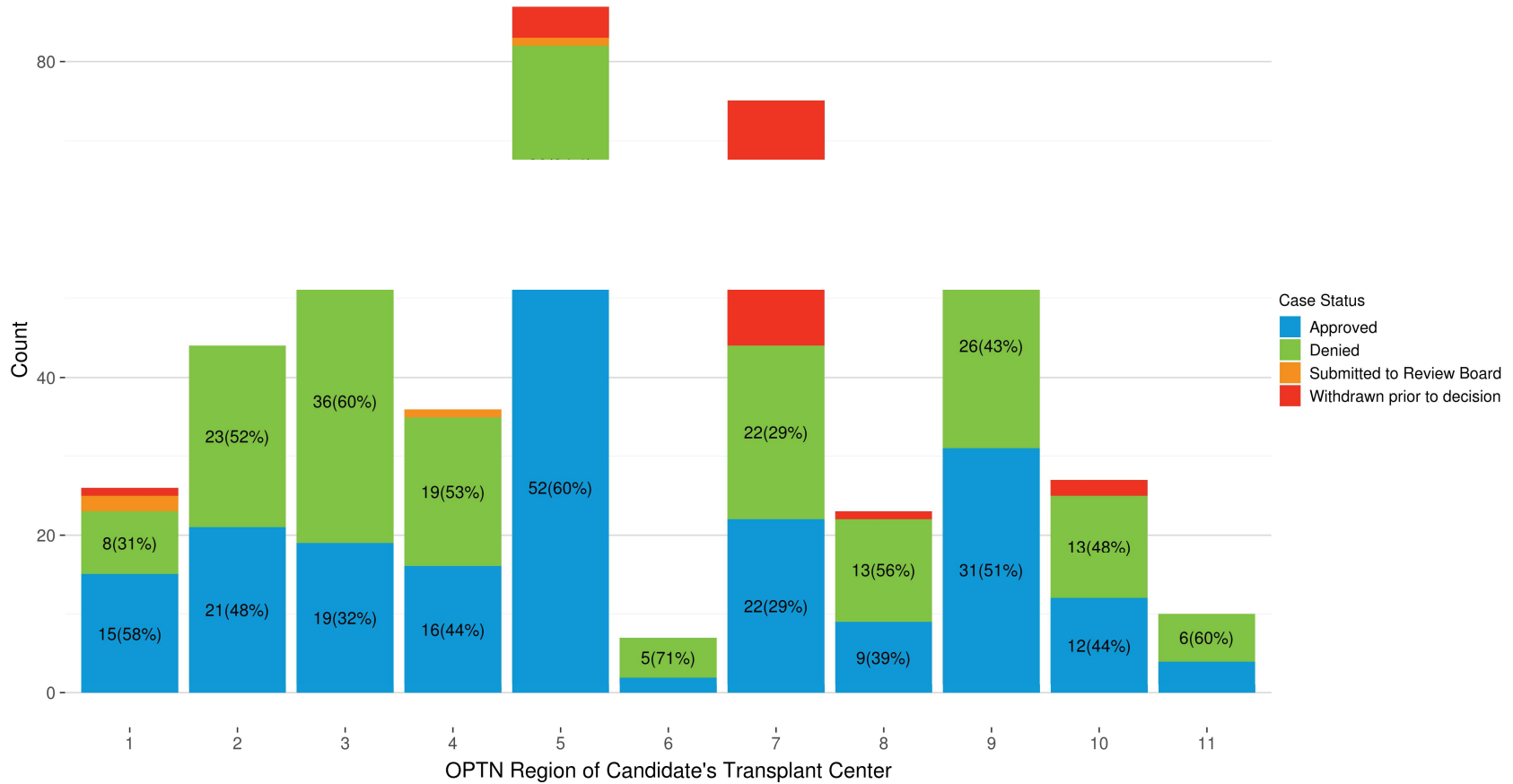
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# Exception Forms Submitted by OPTN Region and Outcome Adult HCC Review Board



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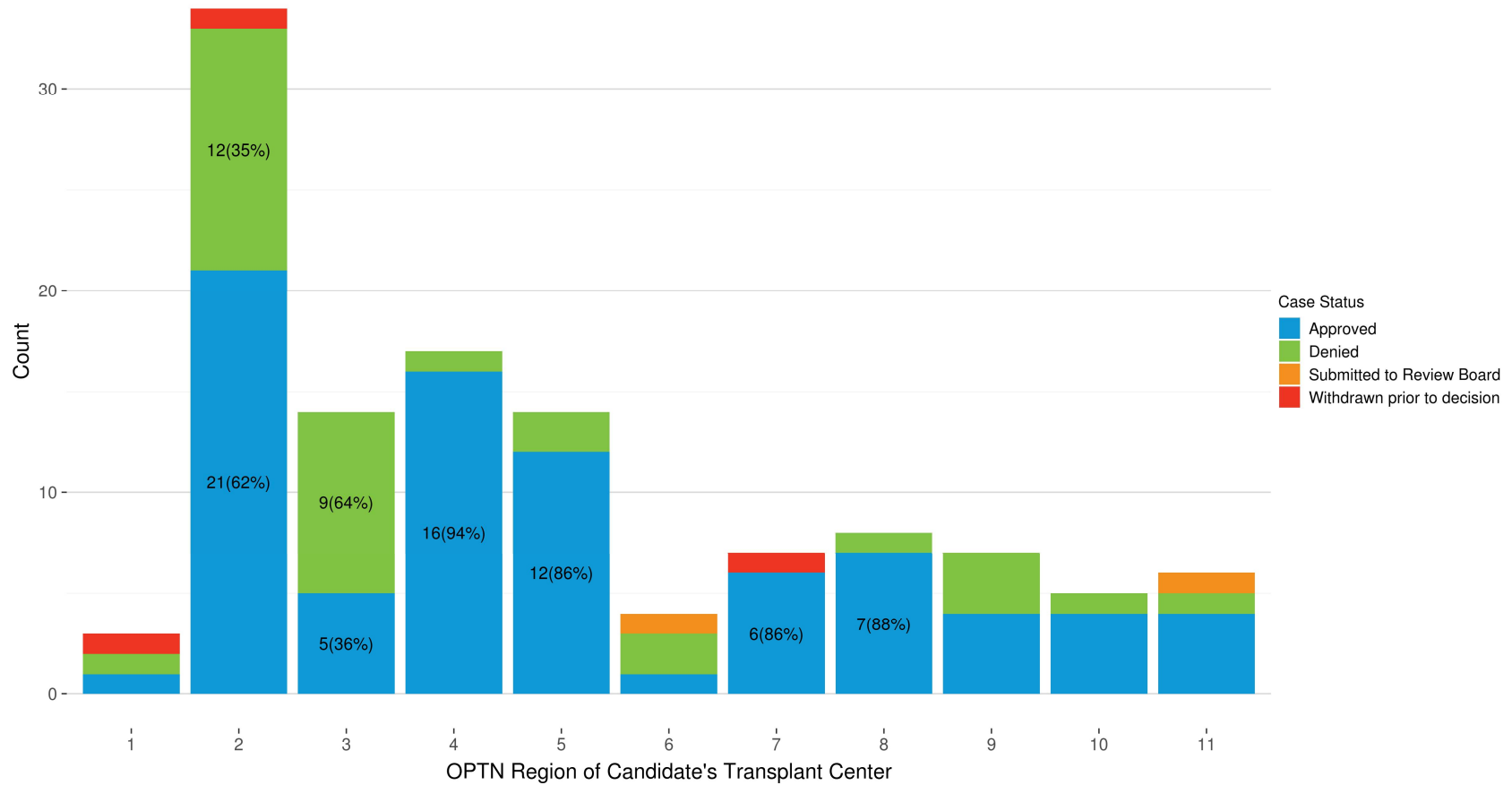
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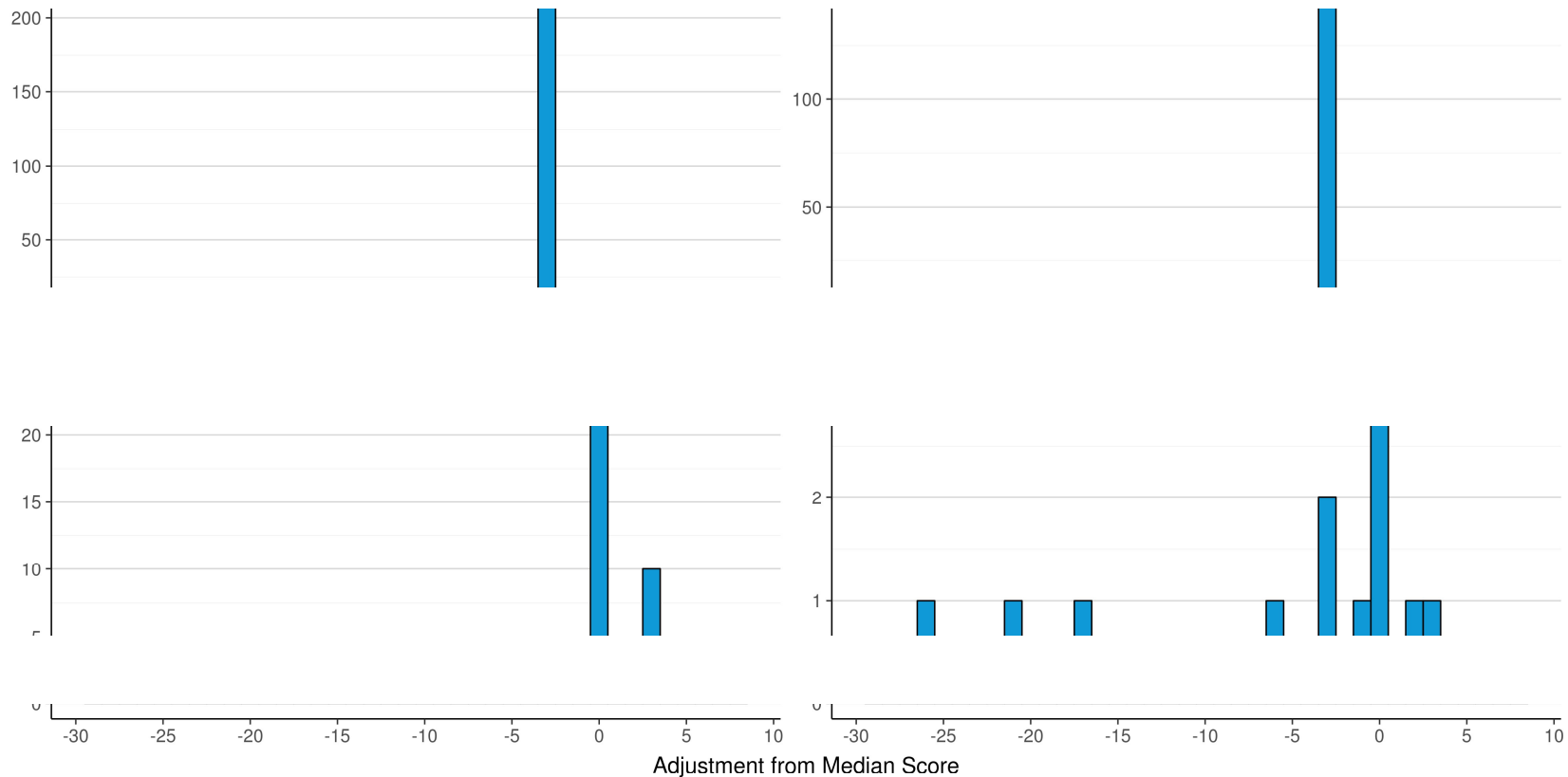
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# Exception Forms Submitted by OPTN Region and Outcome Pediatrics Review Board

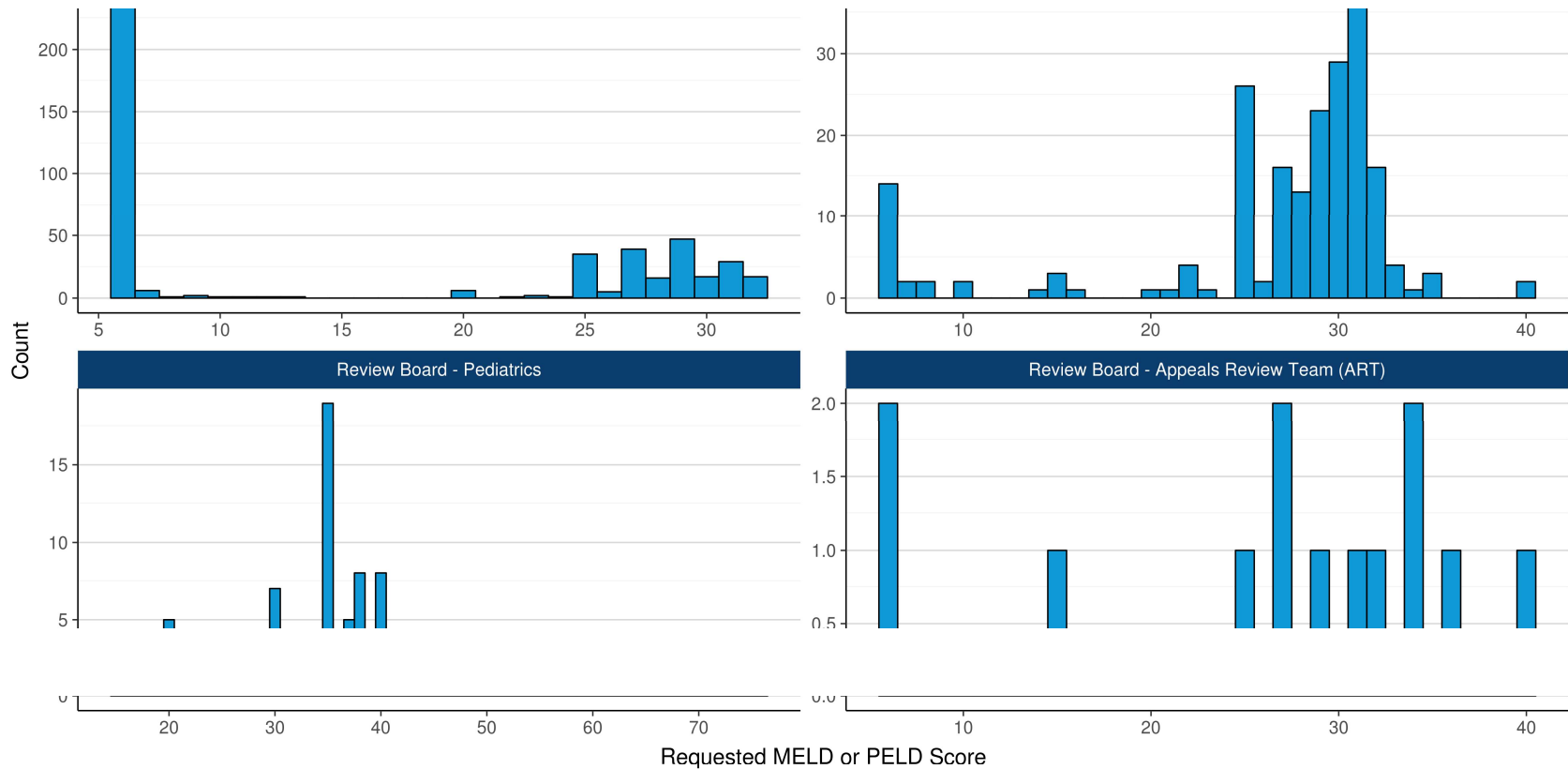


# Distribution of MTS Adjustment for Approved Exception Forms by Specialty Review Board



*There were N=236 forms that are not median score-adjusted and N=439 forms that were not reviewed due to auto-approval or withdrawal prior to decision and are not included.*

# Distribution of Requested MELD or PELD Score for Approved Exception Forms by Specialty Review Board



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# Recent Public Comment Proposals

## Split Liver Variance

- Changed post-public comment
  - Only region 8
- A job aid will be available to help OPOs and transplant hospitals determine their options for allocation of the second segment when livers are split

# Current Public Comment Proposal

## Clarification of pre-existing liver disease

- Liver candidates may qualify for Status 1A if they have fulminant hepatic failure without pre-existing liver disease
- Currently unclear whether a candidate who received a prior liver transplant could ever qualify
- Clarification will allow prior recipients who otherwise meet criteria to qualify for Status 1A