Reviewer’s report

Title: Assessment of intrahepatic blood flow by Doppler ultrasonography: relationship between the hepatic vein, portal vein, hepatic artery and portal pressure measured intraoperatively in patients with portal hypertension

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Reviewer’s report:

Dear editor of BMC Gastroenterology journal;

I reviewed the revised version of the manuscript titled: "Assessment of intrahepatic blood flow by Doppler ultrasonography: relationship between the hepatic vein, portal vein, hepatic artery and portal pressure measured intraoperatively in patients with portal". The manuscript is well revised; however, some minor points remained including:

1. As it was previously mentioned, it is better to give some data about sample size calculation in the "Methods" section of the article.

2. Although the authors answered that the two groups of study were matched regarding some baseline characteristics, nothing is mentioned about the details of matching process in the text of the revised manuscript.

3. No data on baseline characteristics of the control group are presented neither in the text of the results nor in the Table 1.

Finally, I think it is necessary to consider these comments in this manuscript.

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Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'