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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- Major Compulsory Revisions

The addition of the requested data has improved the quality of the paper. However, after observing the clinical characteristics of the patients (Table 1) I have a major concern on the inclusion criteria: if most patients had no major complications of portal hypertension (most had no or small varices and no or light ascites), which was the indication for shunting surgery? This should be detailed and added to the text.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.