Reviewer's report

Title: Portal Vein Thrombosis; Risk factors, Clinical presentation and Treatment.

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

In the abstract and the discussion the retrospective nature of the study has to be declared.

The authors have to provide interpretation for the high prevalence of ascites in their non cirrhotic patients with portal vein thrombosis and its clinical significance

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Methodology of thrombophilic screening is not given. Von Willebrand factor is not a thrombophlic risk factor. The screening is incomplete (i.e. mutation 20210 of prothrombin has not been investigated). These limitations have to appear in the text.

Check spelling errors in table 1

In my opinion the section laboratory findings does not add more and should be deleted as well as table III

Discussion:
Delete from line 2 to line 9
Delete the sentence on sigmoidoscopic examination

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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'