Reviewer's report

Title: In-hospital cerebrovascular complications following orthotopic liver transplantation: A retrospective study

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The authors report the rate of cerebral complications in post-operative OLT patients. They acknowledge that this work has been reviewed and reported in other countries. They are reporting their findings from their country.

In general, I think that the report is interesting and adds a new demographic component to this phenomenon. I have the following recommendations.

1. I would remove figure 1. It doesn’t add much to the paper and most practitioners know what an intraparenchymal hemorrhage looks like.
2. Add a table. The table should include demographic information for patients. It should also show the statistical predictors of hemorrhage (ie – age, infection).
3. The authors should further clarify the numbers of the significant factors of age and infection. These numbers are unclear as written in the text currently.
4. There are numerous grammatical and spelling errors that should be refined for the next version.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

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.