Reviewer’s report

Title: Recurrent secondary postpartum hemorrhages due to placental site vessel subinvolution and local uterine tissue coagulopathy

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Reviewer Comments

Generally it is a very well written article. I am sure this can be published.

Just a few comments—

• Background section in the Abstract – causes that have been described are generally for Primary PPH rather than Secondary PPH which has traditionally been attributed to infection. It is due to further diagnostic and therapeutic options that we are coming across these newer causes of secondary PPH. This needs to be clarified somewhere in the text and the background section amended accordingly.

• I would like to believe the traditional theory that mode of delivery does not affect PPH. However, with the recent increase in the overall numbers of caesarean section that we perform and more pertinently the repeat section, IVF techniques, etc there has been increase in accrete, incretas and even percretas, that I would use this sentence with a bit of caution.

• The authors have said that PPH is increasing in developed countries – why is this so? Perhaps lends credence to my earlier comment.

• Last sentence in Page 3 – need to find a synonym for the word “malicious” – doesn’t read well.

• The Case Report starts with nulliparous, nulligravida – should be nulliparous but primigravida.

• I quite agree with the statement regarding difficulty in estimating blood loss and there need to be broad consensus regarding quantifying it with percentage drop in haemoglobin.

• I quite like the theory and pathogenesis of VSI. However, though rare, the diagnosis in this instance was made after hysterectomy. The authors perhaps need to explore ways to do so and yet preserve the uterus. I think a general discussion along those lines would not only be welcome but also pertinent. The last paragraph is mostly extraneous in this case report as neither of these measures seems to have been used. However they could be made more contemporaneous if diagnostic and conservative therapeutic facilities could be explored for VSI rather than after hysterectomy.
**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