Reviewer's report

Title: Prothrombin Complex Concentrate in the Reduction of Blood Loss during Orthotopic Liver Transplantation: PROTON-trial

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This is a very well written protocol on cirrhotic patients with a prolonged INR undergoing OLTx who will be randomized to receive placebo or Prothrombin Complex Concentrates prior to surgery. Both efficacy in preventing blood loss and reducing transfusion requirements as well as safety (thromboembolic complications as a secondary end-point) will be evaluated. The topic is very important and the issues raised are relevant.

The manuscript presents the PROTON-trial in deep details and has been prepared meticulously in any parts. I really have no major or minor comments to that need to be addressed.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

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