Reviewer's report

Title: The Outcome Of Kidney Transplants With Multiple Renal Arteries

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General
I'm not certain this article presents the reader with any additional information which has not been reported in multiple fashions with even larger numbers of patients for review. It's clear and to the point but I do not think anyone will be surprised nor excited about the conclusions.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)
Perhaps more pertinent information is to include data which determines the patency of the grafts with multiple arteries and whether the loss of smaller polar arteries had any effect (significant or not) on the GFR of the kidneys. I don't believe that thrombosis of smaller arteries in the short term would be recognized in the recipients biochemical profile and that further studies (nuclear medicine scan) would be required to determine if that loss effected GFR. Further one could then see if with that loss does then one see a decrease in long term graft survival that could then translate into a decision if one needs to exercise such great care in the preservation of smaller arterial branches that may, in fact, thrombose despite expert surgical technique.

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

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

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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None