Reviewer's report

Title: Impact of Cytokine Release on Ventricular Function after Hepatic Reperfusion: A Prospective Observational Echocardiographic Study with Tissue Doppler Imaging

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I find it acceptable study written in acceptable language. Study question is important and clearly answered. Figures and tables are clear and informative. Abstract is acceptable. Methodology is well written. Results are clear. Discussion is acceptable.

No major compulsory revisions.
Discretionary revisions:
- Small number of patients in study
- No comment on bleeding caused by TEE probe
- Did the researchers used ordinary TEE probes or small size probes
- Did manipulations of stomach and liver affected the quality of transgastric views
- Authors mentioned FAC, FS and EF for systolic function assessment but tables only show EF. Is this related to difficulty in obtaining transgastric views?
- TEE findings sound reasonable

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.