Reviewer’s report

Title: The analgesic efficacy of subcostal transversus abdominis plane block with Mercedes incision

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Reviewer: Martin Kaczocha

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This manuscript describes a placebo controlled clinical trial that examines efficacy of an OSTAP block in patients undergoing liver resection. The manuscript is well written, the methods are exhaustively described, and the conclusions are supported by the data. I only have several minor comments to improve the manuscript.

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2. In the text the exact P values should be reported.

3. On page 11, the authors state that the time to extubation was shorter in group T but the data reported in Table 2 show the opposite result. Please clarify.

4. In the short title, "block" is misspelled and should be corrected.

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