Reviewer’s report

Title: Liver transplantation in Jehovah’s witnesses: 13 consecutive cases at a single Institution

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In methods
1) Please state the time period of said study
2) Please mention reference for indicators of severe portal hypertension

In Results
1) Please elaborate post infective liver cirrhosis which infection
2) Comment on the use of ICS in patients with HCC
3) Define exotoxic cirrhosis. It is not a commonly used nomenclature, hence please elaborate

In Last paragraph of results: line-one: patient needed vasoactive medications to support blood pressure for the first 2 postoperative days
1) Detailed Information regarding duration of surgery, cold & warm Ischemia times would be desirable in tabular form
2) Please comment on occurrence of reperfusion syndrome in each case as obtained from records and requirement of vasopressors in each
3) Please provide information on other iv fluids-colloids, crystalloids & albumin transfused during the surgery to manage lack of transfusion of blood products
4) Was any blood loss assessment strategy like weighing of mops used during surgery. Information obtained on documented blood loss during Surgery would be helpful

In Last paragraph of results line-: Two patients underwent re-laparotomy: one on post-operative day (POD) #4 for abdominal bleeding and another on POD #14 due to duodenal perforation
1) Please comment on measures taken to manage the post transplant surgeries in these 2 patients as the regime used in managing would have been different
2) What were the baseline haemodynamic parameters and coagulation profile at the time of these surgeries. Were these also managed without vasopressors and transfusion of blood products

Please elaborate-ITBL

In Discussion
1) What are those indicators of severe portal hypertension. How did you screen for them
2) Please elaborate mechanistic factors

References
Please check 1 and 11

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