Reviewer's report

Title: Shearing-Force Injury of a Kidney Transplant Graft During Cesarean Section: A Case Report and Review of the Literature

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The case reported is a very rare complication of cesarean delivery in kidney graft recipient. There are only single case reports in published literature on this topic probably because of rarity of such event and not really because of underreporting as the authors suggested.

Given the accidental nature of graft injury resulting from intraabdominal adhesions during surgery it is hard to propose for all graft recipients a midline incision as the authors suggested. Midline incision during cesarean section may result in higher rate of complications such as wound disruption and hernia, that are already a concern in transplant recipients on chronic immunosuppressive therapy.

Interestingly in the case reported the pregnant graft recipient after two cesarean sections in the past was not scheduled for a planned cesarean delivery, especially as the patient was not willing for the trial of labour. It is well known that a planned cesarean carries a lower risk of complications. Therefore it would be prudent to schedule a planned surgery allowing for scheduling an experienced surgeon and having time for meticulous dissection in case of unexpected intraabdominal adhesions.

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