Reviewer’s report

Title: A rare case of central pancreatectomy for isolated complete pancreatic neck transection trauma

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Thank you for inviting me to review this interesting case report of a case of traumatic pancreatic neck transaction that has been treated by central pancreatectomy. This method has been described before in a few reports. My concerns are that the authors haven't clarified several points that are crucial in any trauma case. First of all, they haven't mentioned any data regarding the patient's haemodynamics or whether he is stable or not. Secondly, they mentioned that the patient was presented with abdominal pain for 1 day!!!!!! Was he admitted at the hospital? What was the management during this day? Why did they wait for 1 day until they performed the CT? Please elaborate. Also, please mention what was the FAST scan revealed during the admission.

Another important issue is the operative time, it is well known that central pancreatectomy is more time consuming than distal pancreatectomy; in trauma patients where time is of the essence, this could be an unwise decision of a procedure if the patient is unstable or critical. It has been previously studied by Mise et al 2014, where they compared distal pancreatectomy to central pancreatectomy in treatment of blunt trauma, and they stated that central pancreatectomy is more time consuming with a median of 100 minutes more than distal pancreatectomy. Lastly, the surgeon experience is of utmost importance in the technical aspects of central pancreatectomy as concluded by Christein et al study in JAMA 2006, while many of the trauma surgeon or the on call surgeons are not necessarily hepatopancreaticobiliary surgeons this should be added to the discussion. And the conclusion should not be generalized, but should be blinded by patient stability and surgeon experience.

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