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“As the authors have stated in the manuscript, accurate measurement of the total blood loss is difficult, especially when the patients already receive a transfusion. Therefore it is difficult to draw a conclusion on total blood loss between the two groups. Nevertheless, since both groups were assessed by the same methods, the study is valuable in showing that the total blood loss is not increased by either method. Another valuable finding is the lack of any increase in the surgical complications, since it is sometimes believed that the use of a tourniquet may increased the complication rates. ”

Answer: We are pleased that the aim and conclusion with this study was delivered clearly and that the study was performed with an acceptable method.