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This manuscript retrospectively re-analyzed the gathered clinical data of of the transjugular intrahepatic portosystemic shunt used for patients with portal hypertension. From the analysis, the author concluded that the positioning of hepatic venous end TIPS stent graft in relation to hepatic vein - inferior vena cava confluence had little effect on the primary patency rate, time to recurrence of symptoms, and all-cause mortality following TIPS. Similarly, other technical factors such as hepatic vein to parenchymal tract angle, portal vein to parenchymal tract angle, TIPS stent graft diameter, TIPS stent length, concurrent variceal embolization and early re-intervention have no effect on primary patency, recurrence of symptoms, or all cause mortality. The contents of this manuscript meet the mission of WJG. The research design, the data analysis and statistics are reasonable, and the writing is fluent. Its research protocol was approved by institutional ethic committee, and the signed informed consent was waived due to retrospective study. According to these features, I am recommending you to receipt it.



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