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CLASSIFICATION	LANGUAGE EVALUATION	RECOMMENDATION	CONCLUSION
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A (Excellent)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority Publishing	Google Search:	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B (Very good)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Existed	<input type="checkbox"/> High priority for publication
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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E (Poor)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: rejected	<input type="checkbox"/> Existed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision
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**COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This is an interesting manuscript describing outcomes of three different methods of parenchymal transection in hepatic surgery. As any retrospective study it has its inherent flaws but does show that liver transection can be safely performed by various methods. Major Comments 1. The authors should remove the results of the analysis from the last segment of the introduction. Its already there in the discussion 2. Although the logical premise is reduction in cost due to less complications, transfusions and CUSA cost; however that analysis has not been done so the authors can not comment on the economic benefit of one technique over the other in the abstract, core tip and the manuscript itself. Minor Comments 1. The authors have not described the reason for choosing one technique over the other. Was this due to equipment availability or change over time or surgeon specific? This should be included in the methods. 2. Extensive language polishing is required.