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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an interesting paper on a new technique, with very promising results. Perhaps the authors could discuss a bit more: -using different needles for the RF -speed of the RF -discuss the complications in more detail -cost of the procedure



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Currently, the many treatment modalities available for patients with cirrhosis and secondary hypersplenism suggest that no single therapy is entirely satisfactory for all patients or for all clinical situations. The paper presents a case report of radiofrequency ablation (RFA) in the treatment of hypersplenism. Although the patient had acute renal failure, his thrombocytopenia was resolved, and platelet levels were maintained stable after the procedure. The authors conclude that splenic RFA appears to be a viable and promising option for the treatment of hypersplenism. Questions: (1) Is acute renal failure a minor complication? (2) Based on one case's result, is the conclusion reliable?