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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Review report: This retrospective study has analyzed a cohort of 116 consecutive patients from a single center in the UK, with regards in the incidence of early acute kidney injury (AKI) post orthotopic liver transplantation (OLT), associations between AKI and hepatic ischemia reperfusion injury (HIRI), and potential risk factors. The study was conducted well in terms of identifying the predictors for and impact of HIRI on early AKIs. However, when discussing the influence of pre-operative renal dysfunction (PRD) on AKI occurrence, the authors might have messed up some definitions/concepts. The referenced [28] study identified the PRD as a sole predictor for the need of renal replace therapy (RRT) on patients who underwent OLT within the first week post OLT. The current study did not find the PRD for prediction of early AKI, as it has set the end point at the day 1 post OLT for and counted on the occurrence of early AKI but not on the need for the RRT. Thus, there are fundamental differences by both time frame for and severity in AKIs post OLT between the studies. Is it possible for authors to perform a similar analysis on the needs for RRT one week post OLT and to find out what might be the key predictors for a need of the RRT in their cohort? Minor



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revisions: On page 5, the “AST 1000-2000iu/L” should be “AST 1000-5000iu/L”. If authors consolidate Figures 1, 3, Figures 2, 4, 6, 7, Figures 5, 8, 9, and Figures 10, 11, 12 into 4 final figures, it will be more efficient to convey the key results and would be good for readers to conclude the key findings easier.

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1. The case number seems small and the study period is short. Why not including more patients expanding the study period? 2. Please present the data for all patients and for each group, separately. 3. Please present the intraoperative blood loss. 4. The text and figures for the association between DCD/DBD and HIRI may be deleted. The preceding analyses had already demonstrated that HIRI is independently associated with AKI rather than DCD/DBD. The aim of this study may not be comparing DCD and DBD. 5. There are too many figures. Please delete unnecessary figures. Figures comparing AKI vs no-AKI can be summarized in a table. Similarly, figures comparing the grade of HIRI (mild, moderate, and severe) can be summarized in a table.

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According to your study, a 24 hour post-operative serum AST was used as a measure of Ischemia Reperfusion Injury which correlated with the degree of AKI. How does this finding contributes to Current risk assessment and management of OLT associated HIRI in patients undergoing Liver transplant?