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Separate comments for the author:

1.I think the title could be changed to walking blood donors…. And not walking blood banks.

2. The lit search for UDBT in India could have been better. In fact IJME published one such in 2016, which is missing in the present manuscript.

3. The authors don’t seem to make some commitment about their recommendation for opening new blood banks. Are the authors of the opinion that this system of UDBT is OK even for elective procedures? If they believe so, then there are some ethical qualms I have and thus would want the authors to flesh that out.

4. the authors are silent about the role of regulation to ensure access blood to people through that method. It would only be fair that the authors propose what type of regulation and other checks and balances would be required for the policy makers to accept this access route?

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