Reviewer's report

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The authors’ have conscientiously attended to the corrections suggested.

One point which arises from their changes is how they were able to categorise their data according to the Clavien-Dindo classification of post-operative complications. Normally, these are allocated in real time i.e. for each patient during the post-operative period. If they were collated in real time, invariably authors report them at that time. As this classification was not provided with the original report but added later this should be stated in the text but it is also important to know how the authors arrived at the data (to ensure that there was no falsification of data).

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.