Reviewer's report

Title: Cholecystectomy in Sweden 2000 - 2003: a nationwide study on procedures, patient characteristics, and mortality

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Reviewer: Baki Topal

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General
Manuscript content is now improved thoroughly.
Medical English writing can be improved.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)
The authors state in their conclusion that further efforts to reduce surgical trauma in open biliary surgery are motivated, suggesting that only the surgical approach is responsible for the mortality. Although other variables too have been mentioned in the text, they should clearly include the importance of patient selection and potential bias in their conclusion.
If only 'inpatient' cholecystectomies were included, data concerning 'outpatient' procedures should be excluded. I assume the word 'inpatient' may be omitted throughout the text.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests