Reviewer’s report

Title: Rebleeding rate after capsule endoscopy for patients with obscure gastrointestinal bleeding

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Major 1: I am not absolutely clear if "therapeutic intervention" and "specific medical therapy" are considered seperately - I think they are, but perhaps this needs to be clarified further.

Major 2: One of the main messages is that therapeutic intervention reduces rebleed rate, but there are no details about these two groups of patients. Perhaps patients did not undergo intervention because they had significant co-morbidity (eg advanced heart failure) and were on aspirin or anticoagulants. One would expect that this kind of patient would be at high risk of rebleed. i.e. is it the intervention that helps, or is it that those who do not undergo intervention are a high risk group? This should be addressed.

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

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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.