Reviewer's report

Title: Cholecystectomy and sphincterotomy in patients with mild acute biliary pancreatitis in Sweden 1988 - 2003: a nationwide register study

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The main findings are:
- high readmission rate in group 2
- higher CFR in groups 3 and 4

The high re-admission rate is inevitable because this is surgeon's/hospital policy and it even needs further explanation why it is not 100% and, again, which were the reasons for re-admission: was it for cholecystectomy only or was it for complications of gallstone disease

The higher CFR is explained by a combination of age alone and most likely also because of complications of the disease. This is, again, not sub-divided

Unfortunately, the manuscript has not improved as compared to the previous version

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

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

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