Reviewer's report

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The concept of evaluating subclinical AKI is somewhat innovative and potentially clinically relevant.

Although at these sample sizes, conclusions and validation of results is difficult.

I would ask authors however to describe the differences in characteristics - baseline and operative - between clinical and subclinical AKI. they have reported the outcomes in this way - and it is interesting that the LOS is higher in subclinical AKI compared to no AKI.

Do the authors have information on serum NGAL? Does the hepato-biliary tract release NGAL?

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

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