Reviewer's report

Title: Gastric cancer surgery: Billroth I or Billroth II for distal gastrectomy?

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Major Compulsory Revisions are needed.

1. In this article, risk adjusted complication rate by POSSUM scoring system is the most important point so the authors should describe in detail how to calculate the risk rate.

2. Rui Jin hospital classification should be described in detail.

3. The authors should make a comment about the reason why the complication rate is high in Billroth II group.

4. Tables should be separated from sentences.

5. In table 1 and 2, total numbers of Billroth I and II should be described.

6. The position of Fig 1 should be indicated in results.

7. I can not understand the term of NPO in results.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.