Reviewer's report

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Having a close look at all files and the history of the manuscript I feel that the authors responded sufficiently (as possible due to the retrospective character of the study) to both reviewers comments and changed their manuscript accordingly. Overall the study and its conclusions are of minor impact as most cholecystectomies are performed laparoscopically worldwide but the design is sound and the conclusions give an opportunity for further research and prospective randomized controlled trials. Therefore I feel this manuscript is publishable.