Reviewer's report

Title: Clamp-Crushing versus Stapler Hepatectomy for Transection of the Parenchyma in Elective Hepatic Resection (CRUNSH) - A Randomized Controlled Trial (NCT01049607)

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Reviewer: Oliver Thomusch

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The protocol is fine. Overall, I think that study protocols are just intentions for medical research with no real new information for the reader. Nevertheless, it could be a fine service to find informations about planned or ongoing prospective randomized trials via pubmed.

> 1. Will the study design adequately test the hypothesis?
   yes
> 2. Are sufficient details provided to allow replication of the work or comparison with related analyses:
   yes
> 3. Is the planned statistical analysis appropriate?
   probably yes
> 4. Is the writing acceptable?
   yes