Reviewer's report

Title: Laparoscopic Bariatric Surgery Training Program Model: Gastric Bypass.

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The authors describe a study whereby surgeons who were practicing open bariatric surgeons with basic laparoscopic experience (i.e. cholecystectomy) underwent a two day laparoscopic bariatric hands-on training course. Following this, they scheduled to operate on their patients, with an experienced surgeon present. Whilst this is a short training period, the surgeons were well supported, and underwent proficiency-based training, as per their OSATS GRS scores.

1. It would be useful to include the OSATS GRS for the first 2-8 cases for the 22 surgeons who were preceptored during real cases - can the authors please provide this data?
2. Figures 1-17 are unnecessary.
3. Table 1 is unnecessary.
4. Was there any involvement of a sponsor to this study, beyond the stated conflict for the first author?

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

None.