Reviewer’s report

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

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Major Compulsory Revisions:

The figures provide no information and are not suitable, they do not show laparoscopic instruments, they should not be included. Instead photos of the box trainings / pig stomages could be included.

the description of the internal sliding knots and closure of gaps is to detailed, should be shortened or omitted.

the following points should be discussed:

Most bariatric surgeons worldwide start with laparoscopic surgery and do not have experience with open surgery - unlike the students in your study. Is your model applicable for those to?

discuss results of other publications concerning bariatric training programs more in detail

the term "gastric pouch" should be used instead of "small camera" and "small chamber"

perform native speaker correction of the text

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

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

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

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'