Reviewer's report

Title: Prediction of Conversion of Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy to Open Surgery with Artificial Neural Networks

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Minor Essential Revisions
Introduction line 74: The authors write "We recently published the corresponding data of laparoscopic and open cholecystectomy operations in our center[7]". This might be changed to "published data on early laparoscopic common bile duct exploration in acute cholangitis"... as the article quoted describes quite a different theme. As a reader I would still liked to have known what percentage of all gallbladder surgery was done via the laparoscopic route (no other data) during the training period, but accept that this figure might be difficult to get.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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.