Reviewer's report

Title: DISCOVER trial: distal resection of the pancreas with or without coverage of the pancreatic remnant. Study protocol of a randomised controlled trial

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I have a few more minor issues that I would like the authors to address, after which the manuscript can certainly be accepted for publication. The remaining minor issues are:

1. In the abstract, the trial is currently referred to as 'monocentric'. Change this to 'single-centre trial'.
2. In the background section, change 'pancreatic juice' to 'pancreatic fluid'.
3. In the secondary endpoint paragraph of the primary and secondary endpoint section, replace 'burst abdomen' with 'ruptured abdomen' or 'abdominal rupture'.
4. In the safety aspects of the coverage procedure paragraph, change the sentence at the end of the section to 'Following the existing literature, it is expected that the coverage procedure will not extend operation time or increase blood loss, although both of these potential outcomes will be assessed as secondary endpoints within the trial'. Or something along those lines.