Reviewer's report

Title: Postoperative Abdominal Complications Associated with Cardiopulmonary Bypass

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Minor Essential Revisions

Because the listed complications maybe relate cardiopulmonary bypass but not definitely, so I recommend that the title is ‘Postoperative Abdominal Complications after Cardiopulmonary Bypass’.

Discretionary Revisions

If the name of brief operation - add another table - were described, I could have know the total patient population.

I confused the term 'gastrointestinal complication' and 'abdominal complication'. If the meanings are similar, how about use same term in title of table?

In Table 2, the sum of patients (positive and negative history of peptic ulcer) was different other title, not 2349.

If the number used at first word of sentence, not use '4 of 9 (44.4%) patients……..

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.