Reviewer’s report

Title: Reconstruction of gastric passage after failed vertical-banded gastroplasty by side-to-side gastro-gastrostomy

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Reviewer: Robert Carpenter

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 7 criteria for evaluation in the journal: An unexpected event in the course of observing or treating a patient

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: No

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes

Comments to authors:

Has the case been reported coherently?
Yes. The english is well phrased. The syntax is appropriate and clear.

Is the case report authentic?
Yes. To the best of my knowledge

Is this case worth reporting?
Yes. It would provide a clear option for treatment of this complication/scenario.

Does the case report have explanatory value?
Yes. The authors' rationale for their treatment plan is well detailed.

A well written case report with implications for handling a fairly rare but significant long term complication in this patient population.

While few patients are likely to refuse coversion to REYGB, this is a good option in that instance.
What next?: Accept after minor revisions

Quality of written English: Acceptable