Reviewer’s report

Title: Ringer’s lactate but not hydroxyethyl starch prolongs the food intolerance time after major abdominal surgery

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Reviewer: Massimiliano Greco

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The authors made a good work in answering the major and minor revisions, and the paper have been greatly improved.

Major revision
none

Minor revision
- there are 2 reference number 15, please check the references.
- on page 6 line 28 the reference for power analysis is 16. On page 12 line 7 the reference for power analysis is 15. Please check the reference for power analysis.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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