Reviewer's report

Title: Clinical efficacy of B-mode ultrasound-guided percutaneous transhepatic gallbladder drainage followed by laparoscopic cholecystectomy for acute cholecystitis in high-risk elderly patients

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Major compulsory revisions
Please have a look at the uploaded manuscript with highlighted passages which are required to be addressed by the authors adequately and appropriately revised. Need to clarify the selection criteria, criteria for labelling a patient elderly and the process of selection of historical controls. also need to mention how the skill levels of the operating surgeons were comparable when both the groups were taken into consideration. a table needs to be deleted. make sure that the refs are in journal style.

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

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