Reviewer's report

Title: Impact of postoperative major complications on long-term survival after radical resection of gastric cancer

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Reviewer: Joshua Mammen

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I congratulate the authors on their manuscript entitled "Impact of postoperative major complication on long-term survival after radical resection of gastric cancer". The manuscript demonstrates that patients with major post-operative complications have inferior disease free and overall survival as compared to patients without complications.

I have several areas I would like the authors to address:

1. Numerous grammatical and syntax errors throughout the manuscript. I would recommend a review from an expert in English to make the necessary corrections.

2. I would like the authors to explain why the bleeding criteria for complications only include the first 24 hours after surgery. Often those complications are seen later.

3. The authors mention only 2 post operative deaths, but the time frame is not clear. Please clarify.

4. The authors mention a 3 year post surgery follow-up, but it is unclear if all patients were followed for that time frame; please clarify.
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