Reviewer’s report

Title: Risk factors and outcomes of postoperative pancreatic fistula after pancreatico-duodenectomy: an audit of 532 consecutive cases

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Major Compulsory Revisions
Delayed gastric emptying and postoperative bleeding should be classified according ISGPS recommendations
International classification of the postoperative complication should be applied
The single center non-randomized trial provides too small evidence to recommend a type of pancreaticojejunostomy in compare to existing trials. The type of pancreatojejunostomy should not be recommended in conclusion, based on these results.

Minor Essential Revisions
Too much has been published on the same topic, showing same and other risk factors. That should be better clarified in discussion.
It is also necessary to show how the obtained results should influence surgical tactics: implementation of the techniques that decrease intraoperative bleeding, such as IPDA first approach, e.t.c.

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