Reviewer's report

Title: Comparative evaluation of sump drainage by trocar puncture, percutaneous catheter drainage versus operative drainage in the treatment of intra-abdominal abscesses: a retrospective controlled study

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The authors have adequately addressed the issue concerning the time-to-event analysis for surgery and stoma formation. However, they refer to the plots (Figure 1) as 'cumulative rate' plots when they would be better referred to as cumulative incidence plots (cumulative rate may easily be mistook for cumulative hazard rate, which is different). Authors may also want to clarify that cumulative incidence in this case is simply one minus the Kaplan-Meier estimate of the survival function.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests