Reviewer's report

Title: Loss of neuromonitoring signal during bilateral thyroidectomy: does it change the operative strategy?

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Minor revisions:

The paper is interesting and should be published in terms of getting an overview, how endocrine surgeons act in routine practice in case of loss of signal

But:

1) The title promises an answer on the question "does it change strategy" or at least a new recommendation on data basis but does not deliver it; the title should be adapted including the term "questionary"

2) The reader would expect more information about the whole questionnaire in the method section; please add some more details

3) 11 countries participated ... give us more details, which countries and how many clinics are included

4) The discussion should comment more on recent literature and recommendation, such that the reader learns more concerning "should we change strategy"; As we know from politics, the majority is not always right

5) 25 continued the operation (Abstract); but 10+16 continued the operation in the Paper - please adjust numbers in Abstract, Results and Discussion

6) 66% is not "most" surgeons

7) Paralyzed vocal cord is not always medial

8) Discussion must not repeat the data of the result-section

9) The most important question would be to answer the fate and outcome of the patients with loss of signal and completing to total thyroidectomy; but I understand, that this is not the focus of the paper

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:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

'I declare that I have no competing interests'