Reviewer's report

Title: Enhanced Recovery After Surgery Program in Gynaecologic Oncological Surgery in a Minimally Invasive Techniques Expert Center

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The manuscript by Dr. Eric Lambaudie et al. evaluates the application of the Enhanced Recovery After Surgery Program (the ERAS program) in a specific subset of patients with gynecological tumors underwent to surgery performed in most cases with minimally invasive approaches. Nowadays the application of ERAS program is one of the most current topic due to great results, in terms of patient recovery and reduction of hospital stay, provided by it. This could make the paper interesting. Anyway, some drawbacks are present:

1) The authors paid attention specifically to the importance of minimally invasive approach for the outcomes of patients. Considering this, it would be useful to provide an extended description, even using a dedicated table, to the complications occurred only in patients undergone minimally invasive techniques both in the "Before ERP" group and in the "After ERP" one.

2) For an early recovery and a reduction of hospital stay a good control of post operative pain is mandatory. No data about this are shown or described in the manuscript. An addition of such kind of data would enhance the quality of the article. Especially in consideration that the authors decided to omit epidural analgesia that is suggested by the ERAS program.

Besides these major drawbacks, there are other minor one to point out:

3) On page 10, line 129 is not clear to whom the phrase to whom the phrase "Patients discharged on post-operative day 1 were 11% less likely to require revaluation than women discharged on the day of surgery" is referred. Does it concern the article of Shiavone et al. or the present one?

4) Could you extensively describe reasons of readmissions in both groups?

5) Did the home visit by a nurse ever be performed in the "Before ERP" group?
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