Reviewer's report

Title: Effect of restrictive fluid therapy with hydroxyethyl starch during esophagectomy on postoperative outcomes: a retrospective cohort study

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Reviewer: Ines Gockel

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The paper is well written and the topic is very interesting. However, as retrospective data are available only, the authors should discuss the data and draw the conclusions more carefully. The number of tables could be shortened, however. Without prospective randomized data, no real recommendations can be provided.

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