Reviewer’s report

Title: The role of the laparoscopic approach in the surgical management of acute adhesive small bowel obstruction

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Reviewer: Valerio Cozza

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This is an interesting and original article, with good statistical analysis.

Minor revision is necessary:
   please comment the indication for surgery (ASBO has currently a non-operative management in first instance);

   Which was the indication for EMERGENCY surgery (i.e. suspect of ischaemia or non responsiveness to conservative treatment)?

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