**Reviewer’s report**

**Title:** Use of barbed sutures in robotic bariatric bypass surgery: a single-center case series

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A report of 50 Roux-en-Y gastric bypass (RYGB) using robot and barbed suture.

**Introduction:**

- Please make the goals of study more clear in the introduction.

**Method:**

- The goal of "simplify, shorten and thus make surgical steps more secure" is a comparative objective that may not be assessed by a study with no control group.

- Timing of different parts of surgery can be mentioned as the secondary outcome variables.

- Please clarify the length of BP and Roux limb

- Line 117 - Gastrojejunostomy or Jejunojejunostomy?

- A "statistical analysis" can be added to the the end of methods. you can add percentages to categorical values like EOSS

**Results:**

- One readmission for bleeding from anastomosis can be emphasized in the abstract

**General:**

- Use an acronym for Roux-en-Y gastric bypass throughout the manuscript

- "golden magazin 45 mm Echelon Flex", please check the phrase on the line 107
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