Reviewer’s report

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

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Reviewer: David Edholm

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The authors have studied the outcomes of using barbed sutures in robotic RYGB in 50 patients and they have shown that barbed sutures can be safely used in robotic RYGB.

Thank you for the opportunity to read this interesting and well worded paper on a hot topic.

You have been performing LRYGB w vicryl previously? Could these vicryl patients be used as a control group? As you have stated the lack of a control group is a weakness in your study.

Excellent tips for centers starting out w barbed suture LRYGB which I am sure will be greatly appreciated!

The paper brings up some new data although the degree of novelty and lack of control group are issues.

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