Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Early Outcome of Frey’s Procedure for Chronic Pancreatitis: Nepalese Tertiary Center Experience

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I appreciate the opportunity to review the revision of this article. The comments were largely addressed. I would still suggest changing a couple of issues:

Background: paragraph on "Surgery is usually…". The logic why at TUTH surgery was performed when/for which patients should be added to the methods section, not background.

Background: given that it is mainly a descriptive study of outcomes in Nepal, as also mentioned by reviewer 1, I think that the health care system in Nepal should be described with a couple of sentences in this section. E.g. it is crucial to understand that patients from rural areas won't come for repeat endoscopy and therefore surgery was chosen at first hand. Also mention this at the beginning of the discussion section. It is well known that Frey procedure can be very helpful - what is new in your study is that this is also true in Nepal and therefore can be adopted to many other countries as well.

Methods: please change to Partington-Rochelle procedure (n=4), Beger… (n=1),…

Results: also change alcoholic (n=6, 23.1%)… / also please don't add 2 numbers behind the , for numbers - e.g. 53.9 instead of 53.85%... be consistent throughout (also in tables - e.g. table 2).

Table 1: if you split into tropical and non-tropical, you should be adding a p-value to the comparisons, even more since you are referencing in the text that e.g. duration of symptoms was shorter in tropical than non-tropical. Is this statistically significant? Please also add to table 1 the total number of patients per group.

Table 5 - what is the meaning of the number in parenthesis - I guess number of patients but this has to be mentioned.

No need to have descriptions of the tables in the text - please delete.

Table 3: please describe what the continuous variables mean - I guess it is mean+- SD and in range in parenthesis - please state this in all tables as explanation to the reader
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