Reviewer’s report

Title: FACTORS PREDICTING ONE-YEAR POST-SURGICAL MORTALITY AMONGST OLDER ASIAN PATIENTS UNDERGOING MODERATE TO MAJOR NON-CARDIAC SURGERY – A RETROSPECTIVE COHORT STUDY

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Reviewer: Andrea Szekely

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The authors performed a retrospective analysis searching after possible factors, which were associated with one-year mortality. The study has impact for the recent literature. I have the following concerns; in the statistical analysis please use Cox regression analysis, since the time is important covariate n the analysis. Please also show the Kaplan Meier curve of the study population. I have not found how the death was determined, what the survival time was and what the cause of death was. It would be particularly important for the operation with malignant diseases. In the cancer patients, 5-year survival time should be incorporated in the model. Since studies from Asian countries are increasing, please try to explain why it is eventually different in outcome from the Caucasian population.

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