



**PEER-REVIEW REPORT**

**Name of journal:** World Journal of Gastroenterology

**Manuscript NO:** 47738

**Title:** Postoperative complications in gastrointestinal surgery: A “hidden” basic quality indicator

**Reviewer’s code:** 02441021

**Reviewer’s country:** Egypt

**Science editor:** Ruo-Yu Ma

**Reviewer accepted review:** 2019-03-22 18:02

**Reviewer performed review:** 2019-03-23 13:17

**Review time:** 19 Hours

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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

Nice editorial but needs restructuring as the paragraphs are too lengthy.

**INITIAL REVIEW OF THE MANUSCRIPT**



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**Reviewer’s code:** 00253974

**Reviewer’s country:** Germany

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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The manuscript entitled “Postoperative complications in gastrointestinal surgery: a “hidden” basic quality indicator” is a highly informative editorial review article about the difficulties in recording postoperative complications. The manuscript is well written



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and structured. The authors discuss the existing literature in detail. Overall, the manuscript should be accepted, as it highlights a very important health policy issue.

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**Science editor:** Ruo-Yu Ma

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**Reviewer performed review:** 2019-03-26 12:17

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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This is a well-written Editorial about an interesting topic

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**Reviewer’s country:** Mexico

**Science editor:** Ruo-Yu Ma

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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

Dear Sir, Even though your manuscript theme is interesting and it simplifies some important points regarding the method to evaluate the success of a surgical procedure, it seems that you are making this analysis too simple. I think that you must mention how



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was the historical evolution of the methodology for evaluating the post-op complications. As well as you should add a table comparing the different aspects evaluated from your 3 scales. Hope you could return your comments and tables as soon as possible. Thank you very much for considering the Journal, and hope to hear from you soon Sincerely

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**Reviewer’s country:** Japan

**Science editor:** Ruo-Yu Ma

**Reviewer accepted review:** 2019-03-22 08:46

**Reviewer performed review:** 2019-03-29 00:51

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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This is an excellent editorial review focusing on postoperative complications in gastrointestinal surgery. As authors noted, quantified postoperative complications are rarely published because the better the recording system, the worse the results. I can



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quite agree the importance of recording of the complications deriving from all surgical procedures. My only request is that please add the summarized tables of scoring systems (CDC, CCI, and CSS) to help the understanding of the readers.

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