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**Title:** Incidence of anastomotic stricture after Ivor-Lewis oesophagectomy using a circular stapling device.

Dear Reviewers,

Thank you for your comments and advice.

Reviewer #1: I have changed “no predictive factors were identified” to “Limitations of this study include the retrospective non-randomised design and that the small sample size, which would have resulted in low statistical power, and only allow for large effect sizes to be detectable”. I hope this suffices.

Reviewer #2: I have provided institutional board approval documentation.

Kind Regards,

Dr. Robert Tyler