

Editor's Comment:

Here are my comments to the manuscript :

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I am in agreeing with the first reviser who recommended a critical revision prior to the acceptation for publication. My reasons are:

1. In the discussion, the authors do not make any reference to other publications in order to discuss or compared their data.
2. The number of references in the bibliography is too short.
3. The conclusions are not sustained by the data reflected in the results, for example:
 - a. The worse outcome of aged patients.
 - b. The incidence of minor complications.
 - c. The transfer of high-risk patients to intensive care is not a conclusion. The authors do not specify if this circumstance could by determinant in their results.

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