

## Peer Review File

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### **Review comments**

The authors point out the problems with subgroup analysis and suggest using interaction analysis instead. This argument is a problem often found in current research in the surgical field, and I agree with this suggestion.

However, the following points appear to be items that the authors consider to be writing errors.

1. in lines 83-84, "Interaction: Product (T) x (B) = [Hemopatch® vs. basic(T)] x [Handsewn vs closure(B)]" but we think that "closure" -> "stapled" needs to be corrected.

**Reply:** « closure » was changed by « **stapled** ».

2. in line 93, the modification e(superscript) -> e(normal font) is considered necessary.

**Reply:** modification was done.