Reviewer's report

Title: Study protocol for a randomized, double-blind placebo-controlled trial of a single preoperative steroid dose to treat nausea and vomiting after thyroidectomy: the tPONV study

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In general terms, the manuscript revised has been qualified as an adequate study to be published. The main idea of this controlled clinical trial was to investigate the effect of a single preoperative steroid dose, to treat nausea and vomiting after thyroidectomy.

Minor Essential Revisions

The manuscript has been written with an adequate syntax mode, also with a good spelling and grammar. However I think that is necessary to disclose whether the nausea measurement scale has been previously validated or studied in another forms or scales.

General comments to the Journal specifications:

- The instructions for the authors clearly indicate that: “Please do not use abbreviations or references in the abstract”, reason to make the proper changes to this section.
- The bibliography does not meet the Journal criteria. There are some corrections in the references that should be considered.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.