Reviewer's report

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

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The present manuscript describes an excellent protocol development in order to assess, the prevention of nausea and vomiting in patients undergoing thyroidectomy. The authors carried out the proper changes in order to meet the suggested ones.

The manuscript has been written with an adequate syntax mode, also with a good spelling and grammar.

It still remains uncertain and not quite reliable about the scale used in the Protocol. I suggest more recent review of the literature and also the use of the scale proposed by Wengritz . (Wengritzky R, Mettho T, Myles PS, Burke J, Kakos A. Development and validation of a postoperative nausea and vomiting intensity scale. Br J Anaesth. 2010 Feb;104(2):158-66) in future studies to bring a better evaluation in subsequent studies.

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