Reviewer's report

Title: A survey of abnormalities in the colon and rectum in patients presenting with haemorrhoids.

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Reviewer: Wilhelm Graf

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The authors have dealt with some of the requests by the reviewers but not all. It is a little bit surprising to read that the authors do not realize the need of a reference group. The main message of the paper is the various findings of concomitant pathology in pts with haemorrhoids, it might just be the average findings in the entire material and it would therefore be of interest to relate their findings to some kind of control group. One alternative would be to make a random sample from pts without haemorrhoids during the same time period, another alternative is a pure "healthy control" group, i.e. asymptomatic individuals from the background population. It is also disturbing to find a statistical comparison of detection of polyps when performing a colonoscopy as compared with sigmoidoscopy.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interests.