Reviewer's report

Title: Risk of surgical site infection and efficacy of antibiotic prophylaxis: A cohort study of appendectomy patients in Thailand.

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Reviewer: Itzhak Brook

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General
An interesting well done study. Minor corrections needed.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
None

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Was informed consent obtained from the patients?
What were the hospitals?
Were patients with or on antibiotic therapy excluded?
What were the criteria for wound infections? Where there any degrees of wound severity. Any other parameters for infections? (i.e. fever, pus etc)
Any division between perforated and unperforated appendices?

What was the dose of Metronidazole gent given?
Any differences in results affected by age and other medical problems (i.e. chronic illness, HIV)

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests