Reviewer's report

**Title:** Comparing etoricoxib and celecoxib for preemptive analgesia for acute postoperative pain in patients undergoing arthroscopic anterior cruciate ligament reconstruction: A randomized controlled trial.

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The general purpose of the paper is interesting because the subject is about "preemptive analgesia" an interesting hot topic. The idea is to find the ideal protocol to reduce the postoperative pain score and have an earliest recovery after surgery.

The paper is well written, I have very few to say about the general aspect and the presentation of the paper.

The issue is that today the anesthesiologist agree to say that a simple medication is not efficient, then we need a multimodal preemptive anesthesia.

Isolated medication seems to identify in the literature that femoral block nerve > NSAI > paracetamol/morphin = placebo

This study the authors test NSAI (2 different) in orthopaedic surgery

BUT

- the samples (2 groups) are really very small and it seems to difficult to conclude on it
- the two medication are very close to each other to be valuable in term of prospective

I will recommend to refuse the paper or to ask major revision in the design of the study.