Reviewer's report

Title: Male infertility after endoscopic Totally Extraperitoneal (TEP) hernia repair (MAIN): rationale and design of a prospective observational cohort study

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Dear Editor

This is a nicely designed clinical study on an important issue in herniology. Outcome measures are good and method including parameters to be searched are logical. However all these are not new to publish this study protocol in advance without the final results.

In my view, this study will be worth to be published when it is finished. Nevertheless this form of the manuscript is not suitable to be published. The readers will not be interested in this paper so much.

Kind regards

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Level of interest: An article of insufficient interest to warrant publication in a scientific/medical journal

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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