Reviewer’s report

Title: Pain relief from combined wound and intraperitoneal local anesthesia for patients who undergo laparoscopic cholecystectomy

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It is unfortunate that the authors decided not to randomize their allocation. It would have added value to the work without increasing the complexity in its performance.

Minor essential revisions:
1. Spelling error #1: p. 8 line 3 “Trendelenberg” should be Trendelenburg
2. Spelling error #2: in the abstract, in table 2 and on p. 9 line 4 and p. 11 line 1 “merperidine” should be meperidine
3. It appears that the pain score was recorded by 1 of the Authors who was blinded to the patient groups. The decisions to administer analgesics and to discharge the patient, however, were not taken blindly. Of course this could establish a bias, particularly significant for the very narrow differences in hospital stay between the groups (1.6 ± 1.0 days minimum vs 2.3 ±2.1 maximum). A "limitations of the study” statement should be included in the discussion to specify these details

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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

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