Reviewer's report

Title: Surgical physiology of inguinal hernia repair (A STUDY OF 200 CASES)

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Reviewer: Philip L Glick

Level of interest: A paper whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Advice on publication: Other (see below)

Comment to Author

1. The inserted abstract on your technique of inguinal herniorrhaphy was very informative. But the abstract does not belong there. What I suggested was to include the essential steps of the procedure so that the readers will have a good idea of the technique you are using. Instead of including the abstract in this manuscript just reference it, as you did before, and leave the essential steps of the technique needed for the readers to have a good picture of your technique. These must be included under the methods section of your paper. Specifically, in the sub-section where you describe your intervention.

2. Comment on the inserted reference on the objective measurement of tension of strip or muscle motion by Peiper. I believe this belongs under the discussion part of your paper. Specifically in the subsection where you will be discussing drawbacks of the study and your recommendations.

3. Results. This is just a matter of style, instead of using a numbered list. Consider presenting this in a paragraph form. With each paragraph containing your essential observation followed by a description of what you specifically noted. Please use the format of result (which is the interpretation of data or observation) followed by data (your observations) and figures or tables. Note. Last number on your results misnumbered 6 instead of 7. I noticed that you mentioned something about your virtually zero recurrence rate in your conclusions. Do you have data on your follow up of these patients ?, and did you present this in the results section?

4. Discussion. Well written and comprehensive.

5. Conclusion. Please omit the comment on your recurrence rate.

6. Please add a statement on your recommendation on how to objectively study this physiologic observations. Your thoughts on how to proceed to further strengthen you observations. How to objectively study this and gain quantifiable data.

Competing interests:

None declared.