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Title: Internal sphincterotomy reduces postoperative pain after Milligan Morgan haemorrhoidectomy.

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Dear Sir,

We think that this article should be published in your journal because it is open access and it has a very high diffusion. Moreover our article investigates a topic of common and wide interest in surgery. We also think that our article should be published for following reasons:

1. the surgical therapy of hemorrhoids is still now debated and there is not a “gold standard” technique unanimously accepted;

2. we evaluated postoperative pain that is the hearth of the matter in the choice of the best surgical treatment;

3. we present data about an extensive study group (699 patients) treated in an unit of general surgery and not in a dedicated one (i.e. proctology unit) and the technique performed was the popular Milligan – Morgan;

4. the article shows our results in line or even better than those found in literature as any surgeon can achieve;

5. we indicate also some technical notes (the sphincterotomy is the prevalent one) to improve surgical postoperative results.

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With best regards

(Prof. Giuseppe Diana)