Reviewer's report

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

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I congratulate the authors for the thorough data collected over the years for their haemorrhoidectomy patients. There is good evidence that postoperative anal spasm may result in postoperative symptoms and relieving this may improve outcomes. However, the authors need to explain why they chose permanent surgical sphincterotomy instead of temporary medical sphincterotomy which have been shown already to be effective.

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests