Reviewer's report

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

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1) Major compulsory revisions: The statistic evidence of this manuscript is very low; this is due to the type of the study which is not randomized. It compares data collected in a long time (and, in addition, not at the same time), thus weakening the reliability of the study itself. Moreover, many randomized study about this topic are described in the worldwide literature.

2) Minor essential revisions: Quality of written English is quite low.

3) Discretionary revisions: Conclusions end with this following sentence: "the Milligan Morgan open haemorrhoidectomy can still be considered the most reliable surgical method to treat haemorrhoidal diseases", but that is not the aim of the study.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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.