Reviewer's report

Title: Could Hyaluronic acid (HA) reduce Bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG) local side effects? Results of a pilot study

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Intravesical sodium hyaluronate has already been used as a treatment for chronic BCG Cystitis. It had been shown a useful treatment for cystitis due to infection, radiation damage and painful bladder syndrome.

A case report (2 cases described) should be mentioned in the references.

Intravesical sodium hyaluronate (Cystistat®) as a treatment for chronic BCG Cystitis: A discussion of two successful cases. BJU int Fowler S, Dauleh M, Thompson A

The authors have outlined the limitations of their study and the lack of any power calculation.

It remains to be seen whether the administration for all patients of this combo treatment is worth the benefit and increased costs.

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:

No conflict