Reviewer's report

Title: A review of wide surgical excision of Hidradenitis suppurativa.

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Major Compulsory Revisions:

I- The authors say "after stabilizing the acute phase, early wide excision is recommended". In the later part of the manuscript we can find the definition of "wide excision" but there is no definition for "early". Especially if a major surgical reconstruction such as rotation flap is being planned, there must be a sufficient time between the acute attack and reconstruction to prevent septic complications. This point has not been mentioned and discussed.

II- Irrigation of open wounds using antiseptics and the usage of topical antibacterial ointments such as Fucidin should be abandoned. The only agent which can contact the open wound is sterile saline.

III- One of the important aspects of perineal and gluteal hidradenitis suppurativa is the decision for a stoma. This topic has not been discussed in detail. The authors say "Colostomy was conducted for patients with perianal or perineal lesions." What I conclude from this statement is that they perform a colostomy in all perianal and perineal lesions. But the patient in the Figures 5 - 9 does not seem to have a stoma. In fact the utility of a diverting stoma for hidradenitis suppurativa is very low and it should be performed in very selected cases, not routinely.

IV- The patient in the figures 1 - 4 seems to have received an overtreatment.

V- References are not numbered according to journal rules. This journal requires the references to be numbered according to their order of appearance in the text. In this manuscript the references have been numbered chaotically. Additionally the reference list is not formatted uniformly.

Minor Essential Revisions:

I- Throughout the text many words are unnecessarily capitalized.

II- If the first word of a sentence is a number it shouldn't be written with digits but should be spelled out (except for dates).

III- The authors say that they have used Polyhexanide for inter-operative irrigation. It seems that they mean "intra-operative irrigation".

Discretionary Revisions:
I- I would recommend that the final manuscript be checked by an native english speaker.

II- I think that the approach to hidradenitis suppurativa may be influenced by the localisation of the disease. Thus including all hidradenitis suppurativa cases in a manuscript without stratifying the patients may limit the impact of the work.

**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.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

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