Reviewer's report

Title: Vocal local versus pharmacological treatments for pain management in tubal ligation procedures in rural Kenya: a non-inferiority study

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Thank you for the submission to this journal, please consider the following: in the abstract define VL/LA and in the body of the article initially, change opiate to opioid, background expand on VL AND LA. On p3; p 4 anesthetic define which one, analgesics define which one, later tramadol comes up with lidocaine/lignocaine. As an aside consider the expectations of other patients in other countries where a broader plan of OB anesthesia/analgesia is expected, this deserves retrospective/prospective comments on patient expectation and how this unique method may be population specific.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

No financial, personal, corporate or any other interest in the review of this paper, I declare that I have no competing interest.