Reviewer's report

Title: Transversus Abdominis Plane (TAP) Block following Abdominally-Based Breast Reconstruction: A Double-Blind Placebo-Controlled Randomized Controlled Trial Protocol

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Reviewer: Roman Skoracki

Reviewer's report:

I read with great interest the manuscript entitled "Transversus Abdominis Plane (TAP) Block Following Abdominally-Based Breast Reconstruction: A Double-Blind Placebo-Controlled Randomized Controlled Trial Protocol". The authors are to be congratulated on their excellent work.

This is a well designed trial which will answer a question that will very significantly impact the clinical care of women undergoing autologous breast reconstruction.

Please consider including a cost analysis for each arm, it would be interesting to know what the difference in cost would be if the treatment arm is chosen over the control arm.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.