Reviewer's report

Title: Dexmedetomidine versus remifentanil in postoperative pain control after spinal surgery: a randomized controlled study

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I have finished my review and feel this submission can be considered for accept after providing the following information.

"My comments:

Generally, this is a well written manuscript. The statistics is correct. English is easy to follow.
However, some information is lacking.
1. Diabetic milieu will blunt the pain sensation. The authors need to state the presence of DM in each group.
2. The specific spine disease should be presented in the method session.
3. Comparison of pre-operative VAS scores between the groups should be given.
4. Comparison of pre-operative PCA use between the groups should be given.
5. The table 1-3 should be involved in the text, instead of suppl.