Reviewer's report

Title: The effects of adding epinephrine to ropivacaine for popliteal nerve block on the duration of postoperative analgesia: a randomized controlled trial

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The authors have addressed my major concerns

Minor Essential Revisions
1). I neglected to mention this in the first review, but in Table 1, participants who had a medial incision (saphenous distribution) should be detailed. The authors discuss that this could affect TTFR. This sort of data would be useful to readers.
2). I still believe that the lack of blinding is an issue - while observers and participants being blinded will provide objective assessments, individuals performing the block, because of a lack of blinding can still greatly influence the outcome - this must be stated in the discussion as a potential bias
3) Line 93 and 237 - spelling of 'saphenous'

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests