Reviewer’s report


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The authors have answered my questions but they haven't added any of their details into the manuscript. The points I raised are all expected to be published in RCTs as per the Consort guidelines (http://www.consort-statement.org/) - so how the sample size was calculated, masking, randomisation methodology and timing as well as a CONSORT flow diagram - eg the authors say the patients were randomised pre op but then excluded if oil was used - the numbers should all be included in a flow diagram to show exclusions at these various points.

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