Reviewer’s report

Title: Perioperative routines and surgical techniques for saphenous vein harvesting in CABG surgery: a national cross-sectional study in Sweden.

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The authors reported a national cross-sectional survey/web-based questionnaire for evaluation of perioperative hygiene and surgical techniques associated with saphenous vein harvesting in CABG. The questionnaire was sent to surgeons and OT nurses and around 50% of them have sent back their feedback. On this paper the authors have actually presented the results of this survey (percentages about disinfection/hygiene protocols and SVG harvesting methods across Sweden).

I would like to congratulate the authors about their effort of collecting and presenting the feedback from all Swedish centers. Their paper although lacks any association of these results with surgical site infection rates or with any postoperative morbidity/mortality. It would be more interesting if they could provide us with numbers about postoperative wound infections of their patients and suggest any changes (or not) in their practice.

Otherwise, their text is well written and overall the topic is well discussed.

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