Reviewer's report

**Title:** Pit excision with phenolisation of the sinus tract vs. radical excision in sacrococcygeal pilonidal sinus disease: study protocol for a randomized controlled trial

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**Reviewer:** Ekmel Tezel

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It is a trial comparing phenol use after pit excision with surgical excision. As far as I understood, they are performing Karydakis procedure in cases in the control arm. It would be more interesting if they could perform cleft lift procedure which is less invasive and has very low recurrence rate (around 1-2%).

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

**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'