Reviewer’s report

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

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Reviewer: Graeme MacLennan

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Minor Essential
Statistical Methods.
The second sentence states that "values will be expressed as means (SD)". Perhaps clearer, you might want to state that "Continuous variables will be summarised using means (SD) or medians (IQR), and binary and categorical data will be summarised using frequencies and percentages, where appropriate." Something like that.

Discretionary Revisions:
There are still some incorrect tenses in the protocol, for example the sample size section is written in the future tense when it has already taken place and will not (according to the protocol as is) be re-evaluated.

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

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests