Reviewer's report

Title: Interventions in randomised controlled trials in surgery: issues to consider during trial design

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Thank you for asking me to review this article.

It is well written and clearly meets its aims of describing the prior limitations of surgical procedural trials and how these should be handled moving forward.

This article should be of interest to everybody about to start a surgical based trial.

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 am currently running a trial, which the corresponding author is a co-applicant on.