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### ESPS Peer-review Report

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### COMMENTS

COMMENTS TO AUTHORS:

Good study



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#### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS:

Well done Manuscript, well written even if needs some minor language polishing. Well done graphics. Accurate and methodical statistical analysis has been managed in order the reduce bias and data interference. The Conclusions paragraph, needs to be improved in order to show the effectiveness of this well done manuscript.



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#### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS:

The manuscript should be revised and corrected by a native speaker of English. Definitive conclusions on the advantages of stapled hemorrhoidopexy and ligasure hemorrhoidectomy over conventional hemorrhoidectomy should not be given. More studies should be included and discussed in order to assess if conventional hemorrhoidectomy is still the gold standard treatment. An interesting paper could be "Ferguson hemorrhoidectomy: is still the gold standard treatment?" (Updates Surg. 2012 Sep;64(3):191-4. doi: 10.1007/s13304-012-0155-2. Epub 2012 Apr 10). SH is a stapled hemorrhoidopexy. The term stapled hemorrhoidectomy is incorrect. The methods section is too long. A shorter version should be included in the revised manuscript. Search strategy and the criteria of study selection should be better and shortly described. A flow chart, detailing all papers included and excluded from the analysis, should be included. It is important to highlight the follow-up strategy of each trial included. The authors should state if the results could be compared. Could the different time of evaluation alter the results of meta-analysis? The outcomes should be compared at the same time, if it is possible. The authors should highlight the mean follow-up and should discuss that the evaluation has to be limited to the short-term results because of the lack of a long-term follow-up in the current literature, mainly for the ligasure hemorrhoidectomy. The number of patients included for each outcome should be expressed. All potential bias of analysis should be evaluated and discussed (i.e. surgeon's experience, patients' selection, pain control strategy, methods of continence and/or stenosis assessment). The authors cannot give definitive conclusion



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because of the several limitations and concerns of the present literature. It is very important to highlight (also in the abstract) that further ad hoc studies are needed. It could be interesting if the authors could identify the most relevant issues, which should be evaluated by further research.



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Thank you for your well organized study for recent modalities of hemorrhoid treatment. I want to recommend some points. 1. In discussion, you don't need to explain the Chen's method of SH to reduce skin tag.