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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

As mentioned by the authors the few studies showed considerable heterogeneity, includes only few patients, and thus provides little power. Correspondingly a meta-analysis is overtreatment, and a descriptive analysis should be preferred. Main message should be that a benefit for the patients could not be proven. It is not justified to state, that there is no benefit, because there may be some conditions in which it may have, and the power of the studies is too small to allow a general conclusion. Unfortunately only few studies have comparisons with controls, another major limitation of such an analysis.

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The manuscript was interesting. It addresses and gives clear messages on some discrepancies about fibrin sealant use in the treatment of pilonidal sinus disease. Thank you very much for your effort.