

Reviewer's report

Title: Laser hair depilation for the prevention of disease recurrence in adolescents and young adults with pilonidal disease: study protocol for a randomized controlled trial

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Reviewer: Patrick Harris

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This protocol has already undergone peer reviewed as part of an external, non-industry funding process. As such, the purpose of this editorial review is to ensure adherence to standard reporting guidelines and methodologies.

This RCT aims to examine the clinical utility of laser hair depletion for the prevention of recurrent pilonidal disease in adolescents and young adults. The protocol is clearly written and I have no significant concerns with the study design or analysis plan.

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