

Reviewer's Comments

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This is a retrospective review from one of the African country to highlight the epidemiology of Hernia in the region. It will be of interest to the readers, as they will have insight about this the prevalence and management of this common surgical entity.

1. There are some spelling Mistakes, which needs corrections such as Unbilical should be “umbilical” (Table 1, Table 2)
2. Line 109: It should be Table 3 as the legend described is for table 3
3. Ref 23 should be cited properly
4. The authors have commented:
 - i. Increase in the incidence of hernia over the years. It should be compared with the population or hospital admissions during these years to see if there is a real increase in the incidence or this high number is due to increase population
 - ii. The hernias in childhood are different than adults. The authors shouldn't mix he two. In my opinion, they should divide study in two groups, congenital and acquired hernia and then compile results and write discussion. The pathophysiology of adult hernia needs to be discussed in context to local predisposing factors.
 - iii. The authors have mentioned about high recurrence rate, which requires to be explained as why there is high recurrence.
 - iv. The authors have mentioned about high incisional hernia rate, which also needs to be explained.

Overall, the authors have attempted nicely, but manuscript needs a thorough revision to be more specific and concise in regard to epidemiology in the local set up.