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# Risk factors of chronic pain after inguinal hernia repair: a systematic review

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This is a nicely presented topic of a highly significant clinical issue. It shows, that many potential risk factors for chronic pain after inguinal hernia repair exist. Although some of the risk factors are well known, the paper gives a comprehensive overview so that hopefully many surgeons who treat these patients will benefit from the data. Additionally, it shows that in particular in open surgery a meticulous surgical technique is crucial to identify and preserve the nerves.

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**Reviewer 2: Timm Franzke**

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