**A randomized comparative study of micronized flavonoids and rubber band ligation in the treatment of acute internal haemorrhoids**

Dear Editor,

I read with interest the above mentioned article.\(^1\) I am intrigued to note that the acclaimed prospective randomized study of this nature was randomized on the basis of the choice of the patient. As quoted, “The patients were randomly subjected to Daflon or Rubber Band Ligation depending on their choice, after discussing the advantages and disadvantages of the procedure with them.”

Authenticity of a clinical trail depends upon proper randomization to remove any possible patient or clinician bias. Once a clinician undertaking the prospective randomized trial, discusses with the patient, the advantages and disadvantages of the procedures being compared, the whole objective of such trial gets defeated.

I guess the paper in reference must have been reviewed by a supposedly competent referee, before publication.

As a concerned reader and also a member of previous editorial board of the IJS, may I request that papers of this kind should be appropriately modified before publication?

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