Reviewer’s report

Title: Impact of Epiphora on Vision-Related Quality of Life

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General comment: This original manuscript focused on the impact of epiphora on quality of life. This topic is of interest since the tear-film and ocular surface disorders are currently known to degrade quality of vision/ of life, which has to be today properly evaluated to improve our therapeutic strategy. The article is well written, methods and results are properly detailed, but the discussion should be improved to increase the overall relevance.

Main specific comments: 3 crucial points of the discussion should be better explained:

1) There are increasing evidence that tear and ocular surface diseases dramatically degrade both the quality of vision and quality of life, further impacting on daily activities. It is one of the reasons why this paper is pertinent. Please better explain that point at the beginning of the discussion, and add references (Denoyer A et al, Ophthalmology 2012; Rieger et al. BJO 1992; Deschamps et al. Am J Ophthalmol 2013; Owsley et al, Vision Res 2010)

2) Please better discuss why the authors did not use a dedicated and validated questionnaire of Qol, since it could be an issue for the interpretation of the results. (see and add Vitale et al., Health Qual life 2004)

3) Last, it could be valuable to underline that the present results could help to improve the overall therapeutic strategy and surgical management by taking into account the patient-reported degradation in Qol for the medical/surgical indication.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

No competing interests