Reviewer's report

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Multiple times reference is made to “hormones” without specifying which specific ones. This is the language in the manuscript:

“surgical treatment (3,4,31). Hormones have been associated not only with an increased risk of 10 testicular damage and consequent reduced spermatogenesis (31-35) because of an increased apoptosis of the germ cells, but also with systemic effects (36). On the basis of these works the Nordic Consensus discouraged hormones use. However, there are some other works that suggests that the reduced fertility in UT depends rather on an underlying hypogonadotropic hypogonadism (37). Some studies have showed that hormones may improve the fertility index (38) and some authors advocate their use in the clinical practice (39). However, the aspect of the hormonal use remains still controversial (40).”

This is the comment of the reviewer:

“Authors did not respond adequately to my comments-They did not realised or accepted the fact that surgery alone cannot prevent development of infertility and that hormonal treastment is important step in cryptorchidism treatment.”

Thus the authors need to go into some more detail to respond to the reviewer comments.

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published