Reviewer’s report

Title: The expression of GLI3 regulated by HOXD13 may plays a role in idiopathic congenital talipes equinovarus

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The authors have published in this line of research and the current manuscript is a continuation of this work.

Major:

Please explain how lung tissue was obtained on clubfoot patients. This is hard to imagine this getting approved by a local IRB review board.

Where was the muscle biopsies taken from?

The animal model used is of questionable value. The model is induced with all-trans retinoic acid.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests