Reviewer's report

Title: The expression of Gli3, regulated by HOXD13, may play a role in idiopathic congenital talipes equinovarus

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The authors have done a good job addressing most of my concerns.

Major Revisions

1. The animal model is still troubling. I realize there is not a good animal model for clubfoot but it is not clear what conclusions can be made by performing studies on the chosen model. This is a significant limitation to what the authors can conclude and is a flaw in the study design.

2. In general, the authors need to temper their conclusions to match only what was reported in the results section. The conclusion section, in other words, should more closely follow what results were reported.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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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.