Reviewer's report

Title: Subjective and objective outcome in congenital clubfoot; a comparative study of 204 children.

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Reviewer: Karl Landorf

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General

Thankyou to the authors for addressing most of my concerns.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Page 6, Statistical Analysis section, 4th line: remove repeated word “test” after ‘t-test’.

Page 6, Statistical Analysis section, 5th line, sentence “Differences in outcome between boys and girls were tested using the t-test for independent samples”: this sentence is redundant because of the previous statement indicating that t-tests were used for significance testing.

Page 8, Objective assessment: Remove the first sentence starting “Gamma correlation coefficients…” as this has already been stated in the Statistical analysis section. I repeat from my original review “all statistical information should be included here [in the Statistical analysis section] not in the results section”.

Page 9, Bilateral clubfoot section, second paragraph: p value here is to two decimal places, whereas others are to three. Change all p values to either two or three, so it is consistent. In addition, provide actual p value: (i.e. p=)

Page 10, Last paragraph of ‘All Clubfeet” section: change tense in the entire paragraph to past tense (i.e. ‘results were grouped’, ‘results were minimal’)

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests