Reviewer's report

Title: Sutureless prepuceplasty with wound healing by second invention: An alternative surgical approach in children's phimosis treatment

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General

Major Compulsory Revisions

title and text: second invention or second intention?

Material and Methods:

1- 87 patients: during this section the Author refer to different groups of patients and this is not clear to the reader. i.e.....eightyseven boys.....the problem was the difficult or the impossible retractile foreskin in 22 and 52 cases respectively. three operated patients suffered from paraphimosis. tot 22+52+3 77
five more operated with the same technique...82!!
in eighty one ....performed limited dorsal slit, while in the rst six with a triple preputial orifice incision...87

patients with phimotic scars....were excluded from this study. ???How many patients?

2- the final postoperative aesthetic and functional result ..... these paragraph are redundant.

3- postoperative foreskin retraction twice daily for 20 days was mandatory.... explain starting from which day post-op!

4- cicatrizing creams: which one?

Description of the Technique:

An adrenaline-xylocaine 2% solution is injected to ensure....
Where did you perform local anesthesia?

Betadine or Betafusine: Don't use the name of drugs or cream.

surgical changes of the trauma is left opened to heal by second invention.
surgical changes of the trauma should be performed daily, as well as foreskin dilatations for the next 20-30 days. this is not scientific: 20 or 30?
Result section:

postoperative complications: 15 had a transient subcutaneous trauma edema and 2 of them had stenosis. This is not safe as you described before.

Discussion:

sutureless prepucceplasty also possesses significant advantages. It is a faster, bloodless and with lower cost operation....

bloodless: material and methods- Haemostatis is performed with elecrodiathermy...

lower cost operation: how can you support this data?

conclusions:

SPL is not an alternative method of circumcision in the treatment of phimosis.....

this is not the aim of the study and prepucceplasty is a valid technique to treat phimosis. Circumcision for phimosis is done especially for cosmetic result: it is well known that if prepucceplasty is too "long" it is better to perform circumcision.

Figure:

legend does not correspond with figure.

Figure 1 is not clear.

What next?: Reject because too small an advance to publish

Level of interest: An article of insufficient interest to warrant publication in a scientific/medical journal

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

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

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'I declare that I have no competing interest'