Reviewer's report

Title: Facial Morphometrics of Children with Non-Syndromic Orofacial Clefts in Tanzania

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The Authors worked hard on improving the article. I think that excluding the operated patients has made the article much better, although one can argue that excluding the bilateral patients could improve the homogeneity even more. They have answered the earlier comments satisfactorily.

Now that the age distribution is added to Figure 2, I wonder whether these groups can be compared to each other. How did they counter inclusion bias? The authors state that 3 years difference between the control group and the research group is not that much, but I feel it is a lot, certainly within this age range. They should at least state the reason why in their method this is an acceptable difference (major compulsory revision)

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