Reviewer's report

Title: Earlier Surgical Intervention in Congenital Heart Disease results in better outcome and resource utilization.

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Minor Essential Revisions

1. The base year used for costs presented (e.g. 2009) should be included.
2. The methods of adjustment for inflation should be included.
3. In places the punctuation needs attention (missing full stops). Also, a couple of articles (the) have been omitted. For example, ‘Data was obtained from [the] hospital’s...’ (p.5, 2nd paragraph). And, ‘when [the] intervention is done early...’ (p.10, 2nd paragraph).
4. The line ‘welfare ad [should be ‘and’] charity system’ (p.5, 2nd paragraph) needs attention.
5. The line ‘after an [should be ‘obtaining’] informed consent’ (abstract, methods).
6. The line ‘paediatric age’ should be followed by ‘group’ (abstract, introduction).

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests' (but a few years ago worked at the same university hospital; however, I do not know the authors and worked in a completely separate division).