Reviewer's report

Title: Impact of removing mastoid process procedure for advanced parotid cancer on identifying, preserving, and reconstructing facial nerve

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I think it is a nice work; there are many spelling mistakes.
In the discussion it should be correct to compare your results with others in literature, making the article more interesting. I suggest to make 2 tables instead of table 1.

Abstract.
Page 2:
Line 1: “are” instead of “were”.
Line 2: “nerve that can be hardly detected” instead of “nerve can be hardly detected”.
Line 9: space between “4” and “cm”.
Line 10: space between “5” and “were”.

Page 3:
Line 1, Line 2: space between numbers and measurement unit.
Line 10: “are” instead of “were”.
Line 11: “nerve that can be hardly detected” instead of “nerve can be hardly detected”.
Line 12: “is” instead of “was”.
Line 14: “the nerve to the temporal bone” instead of “the nerve to temporal…”.

Page 4:
Line 3-4: “parotid cancers of more than 4 cm and invading around…” instead of “parotid cancers which was more than 4cm and invaded around…”.

Page 5:
Line 17: specify “HB” House-Brackmann.

Table 1.
I think it’s better to have 2 tables.
Table 1: patients and tumor characteristics, including: tumor size and follow-up
time.

Table 2: Surgical procedure characteristics, including: period of removing mastoid tip..., distance between tumor and mastoid process, removing size of mastoid tip height, working space.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**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.