Reviewer's report

Title: Standardization of Surface Electromyography Utilized to Evaluate Patients with Dysphagia

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Reviewer: Ulrich Meyer

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General
This is a well conceptualised and well performed study of a diagnostic approach in head and face medicine. The issue is relevant, since swallowing problems are often be present in patients, with having special relevance for maxillofacial surgery patients. The paper in general gives a very nice overview of the diagnostic problem, the current approaches as well as the limitations of current protocols. The diagnostic "solution" of the presented manuscript is sound and it is relevant for all physicians working in this field. I therefore recommend to accept the manuscript without revision.

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

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

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

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What next?: Accept without revision

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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