Reviewer's report

Title: Maxillary reconstruction to enable implant insertion: a retrospective study of 181 patients.

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Ferri et al. present a clinical and radiological retrospective study considering 181 patients who were treated for maxillary bony deficiency. The paper demonstrates different kinds of reconstructions with autogenous bone grafts and suggests a new guideline based on the results of this study.

Comments:
Can you think of any indication for alloplastic materials for example in sinus floor elevation?
Give indications for choosing either skull, chin or iliac crest bone!
Please give more written details about the results and conclusions and not only the tables.

Diction and misspelling

Page 3
Line 5: associated with...
Line 6: choose instead of choice
Line 7: blank before Great
Line 10: maxilla it’s not – add the” t” behind no
Line 11: Lefort 1 with instead of whit
Line 17: …. (Lefort 1, onlay grafting and sinus lifting, always with autogenous bone graft (skull, chin or iliac crest)) were analysed.

Page 4
Line 1: comprised instead of bearer
Line 3: after-effect
Line 7: …taken from skull
Line 8: blank after 9

Page 5
Line 17: “well known and already mentioned in literature” instead of classic
Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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