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Dear Dr Marbacher

Thanks for your time spending on our article; we did our best to consider your suggestions.

1. The changes are tracked in the attached file.

2. Regarding your valuable suggestion, we added your sentence in the last line of the patient part of the methods and materials. I thought about the table you suggested and checked the patients’ documents. Although the full medical history was provided for each patient, but they were irrelevant to our study and might confuse the audiences. As you know our aim was to describe our experience with using Medpor and it did not differ which reason made the patient enter the hospital, their chief complaints were too wide (some of them were volunteers and in some of them rhinoplasty was the least important problem following a huge car accident). I know that patients’ characteristics (as you suggested) are too important in clinic but in our study we aimed to check the cosmetic aspects and complications after using this instrument. The initial diagnosis was different and irrelevant to our study in most of the patients (multiple trauma) and following that the comorbidity was different. The operation time was not important in previous studies and also for us. To be honest, I did not find that in checklists. We can estimate the times, but I think it’s not logic to provide some estimations. Other characteristics were not enough to be gathered in a table.

4. Regarding your comment, the paragraph was repositioned in the last paragraph of the methods. The improvement was checked passively by surgeons not actively by the patients (good, modest,....).