Reviewer's report

Title: Use of dermal-fat grafts in the post-oncological reconstructive surgery of atrophies in the zygomatic region: clinical evaluations in the patients undergone to previous radiation therapy.

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Dermal-fat graft is a quite common aid in plastic and reconstructive surgery. However, as my experience teaches me, this graft could be less indicated in all the cases when a post-oncological radiation therapy was previously performed. It's moreover surely uncommon to read a well written case-report describing this kind of topic.

Retinoblastoma is a common malignant intraocular tumor in childhood, and unfortunately most patients go encounter to the enucleation even with irradiation of the surgical area. In these patients, much of the literature shows a certain hostility towards the reconstructive surgery performed with dermal-fat grafts, but it's undeniable that there are not so many evidences in literature, up to now, which confirm this "negative trend", also there are not so many cases who have studied this topic and the relative implications over the medium term. Therefore, even if this manuscript is just a case-report, I think it is important in its field and I think it adds some new informations to the existing literature.

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.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'