Reviewer's report

Title: Do cleft lip and palate patients opt for secondary corrective surgery of upper lip and nose, frequently?

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This paper is of importance in understanding patient thoughts regarding secondary corrective surgery. It appears that the authors have information on whether or not subjects actually underwent secondary corrective surgery. The paper would benefit from looking at the association between questionnaire responses as a predictor of secondary corrective surgery.

Major Compulsory Revisions

1) The findings regarding male/female differences are interesting. It would also be interesting to the reader to know if there were differences in the questionnaire responses between type of CLP. Can these results also be presented by unilateral vs. bilateral CLP? Additionally, these findings can also be discussed.

2) Can results be presented for the questionnaire responses in relation to whether or not the patient underwent secondary corrective surgery? For example, were patients who thought their nose should be improved more likely to follow through with the recommendation than those who thought their lip should be improved?

Minor Essential Revisions

1) The results section would benefit from describing differences/similarities between patients that underwent secondary corrective surgery and those that did not. Including age and gender and also questionnaire responses.

2) It would be helpful to add percentages to Table 1.

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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'