Reviewer’s report

Title: Comparison of Outcomes of Unilateral Recession-Resection as primary surgery and reoperation for Intermittent Exotropia

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Reviewer: Davide Allegrini

Reviewer's report:

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the opportunity that you gave me to review the paper entitled "Comparison of Outcomes of Unilateral Recession-Resection as primary surgery and reoperation for Intermittent Exotropia".

The authors present a fascinating and interesting study about Unilateral Recession-Resection as a primary surgery and reoperation. This paper describes orthotic characteristics of these patients, evaluated during a follow-up ranging from 1 day to more of 24 months. Therefore it could offer useful informations that could implement the current knowledge about type of surgical approach in patients with Intermittent Exotropia.

MAJOR REVISIONS:

1) It would be useful to know because it has been preferred the R&R surgery as primary surgery (group A).

2) It would be useful to know because it has been preferred the R&R surgery as reoperation technique (group B).

3) It should explain better what are the benefits of this study. Is there any changes about surgical approach in patients with Intermittent Exotropia?

4) It compares the same surgical approach on 2 different groups. It might be more interesting to compare two different surgical approaches for each group.

MINOR REVISIONS:

1) A linguistic revision is desirable.
2) Who has performed the orthotic assessments.

3) Are there amblyopic patients in groups A and B? If yes, what might be consequences on surgical outcomes.

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Yes

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