Reviewer’s report

Title: Height, weight and body mass index of children with congenital cataracts before surgical treatment

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I congratulate the authors on their submitted manuscript. The design of the study was well thought out and it appears that they made a good effort to get as complete a data set as possible. The information is topical to readers with an interest in pediatric cataract. However there are a number of limitations. The conclusions drawn about the patients with familial cataracts seem to have lower socioeconomic and educational leveled that may be thought to contribute to their lower BMI and growth, however, short of discussing some of the possible reasons in the absence of systemic illness, perhaps the data could be reviewed and controlled for the above factors compared to the cataract patients without familial heredity. In addition, how do these patients compare to age matched controls in their populations as the WHO criteria may not be directly applicable to their geographic and ethnic area. This would make their data more powerful.

Overall, the paper is fairly well written and I commend the authors on their English facility and editorial efforts. It made the paper easy for the reader to understand.

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