Reviewer’s report

Title: A novel surgical technique for punctal stenosis: Placement of three interrupted sutures after rectangular three-snip punctoplasty

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Reviewer: Richard C. Allen

Reviewer's report:
Thank you for inviting me to review the manuscript by Park et al. describing a novel technique for the treatment of punctal stenosis. The authors describe excellent results with their technique, equaling or exceeding the success rates of other techniques used to treat this condition.

The main weakness of the manuscript is that the etiology of the punctal stenosis in the patients is not described. Causes of punctal stenosis are legion, including inflammatory, infectious, medications (topical and systemic), neoplastic, radiation, trauma, etc. Success rates addressing each of these etiologies will differ. Any manuscript describing a surgical technique for punctal stenosis should describe what type of punctal stenosis is being treated.

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