Reviewer’s report

Title: Preoperative clinical factors and visual outcomes following orbital decompression with dysthyroid optic neuropathy

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Thank you for the opportunity to review this interesting article. A few questions/comments that I hope will enhance the value of this manuscript.

1) It may be helpful to explain in the methods (or in the inclusion/exclusion criteria) if any of the patients had presented previously either to this or another institution and/or been treated for thyroid eye disease in the past. Or were all of these patients presenting for the first time? It is also a bit hard to follow how long the patients had shown symptoms/signs of active disease.

2) Perhaps it would be helpful to keep measurement/definition of visual acuity consistent.

3) May be worth discussing what exactly the "adverse events" were when writing: "...associated with a doubling of the rate of adverse events..." in regards to "highest dose" steroid.

4) Were steroids avoided in any patients with possible contraindications (such as patients with diabetes)?

5) Any thoughts as to why there was no association between history of smoking and need for surgical intervention?

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