Reviewer’s report

Title: COMPLICATIONS OF HIGH VOLUME CIRCUMCISION: GLANS AMPUTATION IN ADOLESCENTS; A CASE SERIES

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Reviewer: Reviewer 2

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PEER REVIEWER ASSESSMENTS:

RELEVANCE - Does this case report make a contribution to medical knowledge, have educational value, or highlight the need for a change in clinical practice or diagnostic/prognostic approaches?

Yes, this report contributes to medical knowledge

CASE DESCRIPTION - Are the details of the case sufficiently well described to understand the patient's symptoms and course of treatment?

Yes, the description of the case is sufficient

DIAGNOSIS/INTERPRETATION - Based on the facts presented, are the diagnosis, interpretation, and course of treatment medically sound?

Yes, the work described is medically sound

DISCUSSION OF THE CASE - Does the discussion appropriately analyse the importance of the findings and their relevance to future understanding of disease processes, diagnosis or treatment? Has an adequate literature review pertinent to the case been included?

Yes, the case is discussed fully in the context of the literature

OVERALL MANUSCRIPT POTENTIAL - Could an appropriately REVISED version of this work represent a technically sound contribution?
Probably - with minor revisions

PEER REVIEWER COMMENTS:

GENERAL COMMENTS: Overall this (quite short) report seems fine. It does not appear to
necesitate the usual requirements of having an explicitly defined "objective, design, execution," etc.?

REQUESTED REVISIONS:

Just a (fairly minor) point to mention: re the recommendation that "frequent breaks (at least
hourly) be given to operators when they must doff all protective equipment, and leave the
operating theatre for at least 15 minutes". While this would certainly be a good idea, have the
authors checked with experts in MC clinical provision to verify how realistic this would be to
implement?

ADDITIONAL REQUESTS/SUGGESTIONS:

In the abstract there appears to be a missing word; i.e., "...training and quality control AT high
volume Male Medical Circumcision sites..."?

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