Reviewer’s report

Title: Quality of life and problems associated with obturators of patients with maxillectomies

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Thank you for submitting this excellent and well-written paper on post-maxillectomy QoL with obturators

My only comments are that you make two additions to the Discussion:

Firstly, whilst the Aramany classification is an excellent tool for the prosthodontist, it does not concur with the commonly used ones by surgeons. You should discuss this point.

Secondly, there is no doubt that an obturator has many advantages over surgical reconstruction but to say, as you do on page 12, line 10 -13 that the surgeon should try to keep the defect as small as possible, is not really valid in the management of malignant disease. However, here is an opportunity to briefly discuss the advantages of an obturator when compared with microvascular or local flap reconstruction within the context of QoL.

Please make these minor additions so that we can proceed to early publication

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