Reviewer’s report

Title: Biomechanical analyses of common suspension sutures in primary cleft lip rhinoplasty

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Reviewer: Alexander Hemprich

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Your paper demonstrates an interesting aspect for the restoration of the cleft nose.

You refer to previous publications as for the cleft model. Since you cannot expect all readers to be familiar with this earlier article you should add some information in the present one.

Some questions arise:

1. How are the cartilages prepared in this model? Are they still attached to the underlying and overlying skin?

2. Is there any separate preparation of the transversal nasal and upper part of the orbicularis oris muscle simulated?

3. What kind of sutures have you incorporated in your simulation?

4. You have not mentioned the nasal septum which may not always be put into the right position by just suspension sutures.

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