Reviewer's report

**Title:** Clinical Evaluation of Short 6-mm Implants alone, Short 8-mm Implants combined with osteotome sinus floor elevation and Standard 10-mm Implants combined with osteotome sinus floor elevation in posterior maxillae: study protocol for a randomized controlled clinical trial.

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**Reviewer:** Raphael de Souza

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* Major Compulsory Revisions: N/A

* Minor Essential Revisions:
  1. Please check the sample size mentioned on page 6, it may be outdated for this revised version.
  2. I suggest considering the success and survival data separately. In summary, you can define survival as in the current version, but present a separate number for those implants that fulfill criteria for success as described in some classical literature in oral implantology.
  3. You could expand the statistical analysis section by explaining tests for the secondary outcomes.

* Discretionary Revisions:

  N/A

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**Statistical review:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests