

# Review of: "Primary Surgical Treatment of Cleft Palates in the Algerian Hospital Environment"

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Dear Author;

First of all, congratulations for your publication. I Just want to make a few contributions to your article.

Generally

- 1) Abstract is very confusing and does not give an idea of the overall article and it should include objective, materials and methods, result and conclusion headings.
- 2) Material methods should provide information about the gender distribution and age of the children included in the study, not results.
- 3) In the conclusion part, the findings for the purpose of the study are not clearly stated.
- 4) Tables and figures are placed in a complex way.
- 5) Ethics committee approval information, patient releases, conflict interest, copyright release and funding were not mentioned.

In additon to

## Abstract

"The goal of the present work, which is based on a sample of 85 cases, is to make an epidemiological, therapeutic, and evolutionary analysis, and also to take stock of the surgical techniques practiced in our country for the primary treatment of cleft palates. " Dear author, it may be more appropriate to use "primary treatment option" or "primary treatment modality" instead of "primary treatment" in this sentence.

## Introduction

"This can range from the simple bifidity of the uvula to the full velopalatine cleft as shown in Figure 1." Dear author, no reference has been given for this sentence, please indicate the reference. Reference number 33 for Figure 1 is inconsistent.

"The soft palate is a mobile and contractile musculoaponeurotic partition that is covered with a mucous membrane in continuity with the posterior edge of the hard palate, the action of which is ensured by five even and symmetrical muscles that constitute the velopharyngeal sphincter, as illustrated in Figure 2. " Dear author, no reference has been given for this sentence, please indicate the reference. Reference number 34 for Figure 2 is inconsistent.

"It is worth recalling that primary surgical treatment involves two techniques. " Dear author; please correct the ambiguity in this sentence and ensure the correct use of language.

## Results

“For this, it was deemed important to consider the studies previously carried out by Björk in order to establish a classification of mobility, even the elevation of the veil, on a scale that ranges from 1 to 3, namely (1): Immobile, (2) Static or not very mobile, and in this case the veil is located below the anterior nasal spine - posterior nasal spine (ANS - PNS) axis, and (3) Mobile, in which case, the veil is located on the ANS - PNS axis, as is clearly illustrated in Figure 14. ”

Please give a reference for this sentence.

#### Discussion

“Moreover, if the primary surgery has immediate positive effects, it will also have an influence on craniofacial growth that is not always favorable. ” Dear author; the term “craniofacial growth” is insufficient for this sentence, it can be changed as “craniofacial growth and development”.

“However, the benefit of aerophonoscopy in the treatment of labial-alveolar-palatal clefts remains to be established. It is worth noting that more reliable quantitative data are still needed to determine the importance of this instrument in the follow-up of children with clefts, in the decision-making of a surgical veil replacement, and in the evaluation of the effectiveness of secondary procedures such as pharyngoplasty with a lower or upper pedicle. ” Please give a reference for this sentence.