

# Review of: "Cleft Lip and Palate Repairs in X, "Sourire de l'Espoir" Humanitarian Missions' Experience: A Retrospective Study of 201 Consecutive Cases"

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This manuscript reports a retrospective study of treatments of patients with cleft lip and palate during humanitarian missions.

Points to note are:

## General

1. The rationale of anonymizing the city which the treatments were carried out is unclear. It is obvious from the text that the city is Lomé (Y), capital of Togo (X) in West Africa. Therefore, the authors should replace X and Y with Togo and Lomé respectively.

## Abstract

2. 'The sex ratio was 1.05.' is unclear. Were there more males than females?

## Materials and Method

3. There is no information on setting and locations where the treatments were carried out.
4. There are not enough details on inclusion and exclusion criteria.
5. Details on research ethics approval must be provided, including the reference number.

## Results

6. Paragraph 1, last sentence: 'March 2008' should be 'October 2008'
7. Paragraph 2, last line: 'The sex ratio was 1.05' is unclear. Were there more males than females?

## References

8. Reference 20: 'al.' should be 'et al.'
9. Reference 23: '28-35' should be '28, 35'
10. Reference 25: The last author should be Jabs, E. W. not Wang, Jabs, E.
11. Reference 37: Incomplete citation.

