

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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I commend the authors for their effort helping people in countries that do not have access to these surgeries.

Your paper is interesting and well structured; however, all research should leave lessons and in this case it is important to rescue the two deaths after lip surgery. Have you made any reflections or analyses, to prevent this from happening again in the future? Do you use local anesthesia or regional blocks to reduce opioid neurotoxicity and/or to reduce post-op complications?

Another issue that I also think it is appropriate to highlight is in terms of the results, although the unilateral lip post op presented seem acceptable, the bilateral case, although complex, does not seem so. It is impressive that this patient will require several subsequent surgeries. Do you carry out a previous evaluation and planning of strategies to use?