

REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: Clinical and Surgical Outcomes in Hypospadias Repair: A Comparative Analysis of Single-Stage and Multistage Techniques

Recommendation:

Accept as it is.....**YES**.....
 Accept after minor revision.....
 Accept after major revision
 Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality			√	
Techn. Quality		√		
Clarity			√	
Significance		√		

Reviewer's Name: Dr Aamina

Reviewer's Decision about Paper: **Recommended for Publication.**

Comments (*Use additional pages, if required*)
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Section (1) – Objective Review:

The objective section is well-formulated and outlines a significant clinical concern in pediatric urology—hypospadias and its surgical management. The background provided effectively contextualizes the prevalence and clinical spectrum of the condition, noting the variation in severity and associated anomalies such as chordee and penoscrotal transposition. The classification of hypospadias based on the position of the ectopic meatus is clear and relevant.

The discussion of surgical challenges, particularly in proximal hypospadias, is appropriate and highlights the complexity of decision-making in selecting between single-stage and multistage procedures. The rationale for the comparative analysis is well justified, and references to the relative advantages and drawbacks of both surgical approaches are grounded in current surgical practice. The emphasis on complication rates, including urethral fistula and meatal stenosis, reflects clinical realities and makes the study's focus particularly relevant. The inclusion of functional and cosmetic outcomes as evaluative parameters reflects a comprehensive perspective.

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Section (2) – Methods (Introductory Statement) Review:

The initial statement in the methods section identifies the study as a retrospective comparison, setting a clear foundation for the analysis. This methodological choice is appropriate for assessing surgical outcomes over time and allows for examination of real-world clinical data. Although only the opening line of the methods section is presented, it indicates the study's comparative framework between single-stage and multistage repair techniques.

Overall Evaluation:

The manuscript segment presents a concise and clinically meaningful analysis of the treatment options for hypospadias. The framing of the objective is focused and medically relevant, especially given the variability in clinical presentation and the evolving surgical preferences. The structure is logical, and the integration of epidemiological data and clinical context strengthens the importance of the study. The rationale for conducting a comparative analysis is well-articulated and addresses a pertinent gap in pediatric surgical literature.

The clarity, medical grounding, and direction of the study as presented are strong and lay the foundation for a comprehensive and informative manuscript. The review reflects a sound understanding of both the clinical problem and the surgical strategies under evaluation.