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JOURNAL EDITOR-IN-CHIEF'S REVIEW REPORT

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SCIENTIFIC QUALITY	LANGUAGE QUALITY	CONCLUSION
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> High priority for publication
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of	<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision
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JOURNAL EDITOR-IN-CHIEF (ASSOCIATE EDITOR) COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The two sentences in the abstract and the whole manuscript are contradictory: "In total, 178 patients (5.4%) underwent surgical management--", and "Syndactyly occurs in approximately 7 per 10000 live births, and the majority of patients undergo surgical correction before age two." The correct expression should be: a small number of patients undergo surgical correction. Among the surgical patients, most of the operations were performed before the age of two.