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Factors associated with recurrence of clubfoot treated by the ponseti method

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Comments from reviewer (00501328) and response

Please clarify; 1) provide data on bilateral cases separately and compare them to unilateral cases. **It was added** 2) level of education is confusing. Please clarify. **It was clarified.** 3) Dimeglio's score should be provided as not all centers around the world use the Pirani simplified score. Please revise. **It was added to Pirani score** 4) who did perform statistical analysis? Please clarify and create a separate subchapter "statistical analysis". **It was made, the epidemiologist performed the analysis is mentioned in biostatistics part.** 5) clarify the "power" of the study. Is the number of subjects enough? **It was added.** 6) please comment on how to prevent recurrence. **It was added.**

Comments from reviewer (02731760) and response

Thanks for give me the possibility of reviewing this manuscript. The paper is well conducted. Please add and comment the following paper Pavone V, Testa G, Costarella L, Pavone P, Sessa G. Congenital idiopathic talipes equinovarus: an evaluation in infants treated by the Ponseti method. Eur Rev Med Pharmacol Sci. 2013 Oct;17(19):2675-9. **It has been added as reference no. 25**

Comments from reviewer (02574547) and response

1. Under "Material & Methods" 12th line mentions "heel varus" it should be "heel varus" **it was corrected**. 2. Recurrence reported in 39 feet. Further details regarding recurrence in bilateral cases should be added separately. **It was added**.

3. Recurrence correlated well with maternal educational levels but what exactly is meant by high and low education is not mentioned. Number of years of study or study upto school, college or university can be mentioned so that it is clear to reader from any country as to what level of education corresponds to higher rates of recurrence. **it was mentioned**. 4. Similarly income level correlating with high recurrence should be quantified by giving a rough monthly or yearly income. **We did not explain the income of the cases. It is mentioned in the discussion part as a cited reference.**