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Excellent analysis of soft tissue release combined with joint-sparing osteotomy for treatment of cavovarus foot deformity in older children. The clinical data of the patients are very clear. Surgical procedures are good. For older children with cavovarus foot, the deformity should be fully evaluated and a good surgical plan should be designed in order to obtain good therapeutic effects. Bone deformity should be corrected and the joint should be preserved as much as possible to avoid postoperative stiffness. Tables and figures are informative. References are updated. Some minor language polishing should be corrected. And discussion is long, please shorten it.

Answer: Thank you for your comments. We have revised the language. The discussion is shortened.

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Currently, diverse treatments are available for talipes cavus, but there is no standard treatment. Improper treatment will lead to residual deformity or recurrence. Therefore, personalized surgical treatment strategies should be formulated based on preoperative assessment of the deformity and muscle force of the affected foot. The research of cavovarus foot deformity is focused on how to fully correct the deformity, reduce its recurrence, and avoid postoperative foot stiffness. The surgical procedures are very clear. Figures are very good. Results are interesting, and well discussed. Manuscript requires a minor language editing. And the main text can be shortened.

Answer: Thank you. We have revised the manuscript accordingly. Language was carefully revised again. The main text is shortened.