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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a retrospective study of 50 children with impalpable testes who have been managed by laparoscopy as the initial treatment and perhaps the initial diagnostic procedure as well. The paper is well written and the messages are clear. As most of the readers are not pediatric surgeons, it would be most helpful if the authors can explain in the Introduction how undescended testes/impalpable testes are classified, if there is a natural history for spontaneous descend without intervention, and what the risks are if the undescended testes are not treated. The authors may also want to elaborate on the role of imaging in the case of impalpable testis. Is age of the patient a determining factor in terms of choice of procedure, technical restrictions, or successful orchidopexy?



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This manuscript is very interesting and important from the clinical point of view. There is one difference between abstract and text of the manuscript. In abstract authors wrote "From January 2004 to June 2014", while in the text of the manuscript they wrote "From January 2004 to January 2014". What is correct, January or June 2014? Manuscript will be improved if authors add a few intraoperative procedure pictures.



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It would be useful to describe the initial approach to undescendant testis. After the initial diagnosis, which is the decision making algorithm until proposing the surgical exploration/treatment? Very well written.