

RESPONSES TO REVIEWERS' COMMENT:

Reconstruction surgery in head and neck cancer patients amidst the COVID-19 pandemic: current practice and lessons for the future

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Reviewer #1: In the abstract mention about the "lack of coordination and versatility among politicians, policymakers and health leaders", however, I didn't found it in the body of the article. ? 2. Due to the specific aim of this study is to describe oral carcinoma and the surgical approaches, it is better to add the epidemiological data of the oral carcinoma in the introduction to expressed how important this article. 3. In the "Important of diagnosis flowchart", did you considered the diagnostic tools development that can quickly diagnosed the covid and non-covid patient? 4. It is better to added figure of the flowchart that you proposed in the "important of diagnosis flowchart".

Response: We have revised the manuscript and included new insights in this regard. Moreover, a new figure has been included illustrating a flowchart.

Reviewer #2: Well structured, original contribute focused on reconstruction surgery in oral cancer patients amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. Reassessment of the validity of different surgical approaches , such as locoregional flaps versus free flaps, is correctly analyzed paying attention to healthcare costs generated in a period of health emergency. Discussion is exhaustive and bibliography is adequate. In my opinion, the article is suitable for publication.

Response: Thanks for your comments.

Reviewer #3: The authors addressed the current practice and lessons for the future of the reconstruction surgery in head and neck cancer patients amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. This is useful for the head neck surgery cilinical practice.

Response: Thanks for your comments.

Reviewer #4: The overall scientific matters were accepted. 2. The keywords no need to bold. 3. The references format is not correct. 4. The English grammar need to be polished.

Response: We have revised this.

The authors are grateful for the comments and suggestions of the three reviewers.

Best regards,
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