Reviewer’s report

**Title:** The effect on cognitive functioning of a preoperative and postoperative orthogeriatric service in patients with hip fracture. The protocol of the Oslo Orthogeriatrics Trial

**Version:** 1  **Date:** 29 April 2012

**Reviewer:** Ian Cameron

**Reviewer’s report:**

This is a comprehensive description of a very important study of patients with hip fracture. The type of reporting is appropriate and the CONSORT Guidelines appear to have been followed.

It is a somewhat unusual protocol paper because it has been written when all planned participants have been recruited and the study is in progress. However, this should not influence the decision about publication of the paper in the opinion of the reviewer. In fact, the authors have demonstrated that the study design is feasible by including the information about recruitment and progress of the study.

**Major compulsory revisions**

The written English should be modified in some places.

Abstract – there should be a clearer inclusion criterion than “fractures of the upper femur” specified. This should be changed to “proximal femoral fractures”.

The rate of unblinding of the masked outcome assessor should be recorded.

**Level of interest:** An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.