Reviewer's report

**Title:** Factors related to functional prognosis in elderly patients after accidental hip fractures. A prospective cohort study.

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**Reviewer:** Kristina Radinovic

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This is a well thought out prospective study which is designed to evaluate factors influencing functional prognosis after accidental hip fractures. The method is appropriate and well described. The data are sound.

**INTRODUCTION**

I have no comments.

**Major Compulsory Revisions**

**METHODS**

1. First paragraph:
   1. Please clarify for which period a prospective cohort study was carried out.
   2. Please clarify what was the enrolment period. It was written in the method, the first paragraph “Information was collected at two time points: at baseline, as soon as the patient was included in the study…” Could you be more precise?

2. Fourth paragraph:
   1. You stated that patients were assessed 6 months after the fall by reviewing their clinical records and by applying the baseline questionnaires. Did you perform 6-month postoperative visit?

**RESULTS**

1. First paragraph;
   1. Please define for what period 857 patients were included in the study?

2. Fifth paragraph:
   1. What combined variable, please clarify?

**Minor Essential Revisions**

1. Table 1. Could you show the results for Charlson Index as well, beside comorbidities?

2. Figure 1. Please correct spelling error for participate

**Discretionary Revisions**
Could you show the results regarding length of hospital stay and complications in the first paragraph of the results section?

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I have no conflict of interests.