Reviewer's report

**Title:** Reverse LISS plating for intertrochanteric Hip Fractures in elderly patients

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The authors present a novel and interesting treatment option for proximal femur fractures. They posed and answered an appropriate problem/question in their paper. Furthermore, they described what appears to be an appropriate method of using a LISS plate for the proximal femur, especially noting that one has to use a contra lateral plate for the proximal femur. They present their data in an appropriate manner. I have two questions for the author.

First, what is the weight bearing status of these patients after surgery? (Discretionary Revision)

Secondly, and more importantly, the 4 & 16 week post operative x-rays that the authors submitted for their case demonstrated that even the locking screws have backed out and are loose. The author need to address this and also provide the journal at least 2 additional cases which demonstrate the 4 and 16 week post op x-rays without any hardware failure. I believe that this is a Major Compulsory Revisions that needs to be addressed prior to approval for publication.

Other than these comments, although I am not sure how many people will begin using the LISS plates instead of the already available and tested implants (i.e. cephalomedullary nail, proximal femoral locking plate, and DHS), I believe this study and technique would be a good contribution to the literature.

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**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'