Reviewer's report

Title: Effect of untreated ulnar styloid fracture on the outcome of unstable distal radial fracture treated with external fixation

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1. Last sentence Methods. K-wire removal implies that the ulnar styloid or DRUJ was fixed with a wire. I suggest you change this to external fixator removal.

2. Page 7, Results, Clinical characteristics of the DRUJ at the final follow-up visit. The patients that ulnar styloid fracture fixation should be described in more detail. What makes these patients different? Or was it just a nervous surgeon?

3. Results, both abstract and body: Make it clear that the DRUJ pain/exam data are from the 1 year follow-up.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

No conflict with this paper.