Reviewer's report

Title: Minimally invasive plate osteosynthesis with a Locking Compression Plate is superior to open reduction and internal fixation in the management of the proximal humerus fractures

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This is well written and conducted comparative, retrospective study of 2 methods of internal fixation of proximal humeral fractures. There are some concerns, which need to be answered by the authors:

1. Why the length of stay in both groups was so long (6.8 v/s 7.7 in MIPO and ORIF groups)?

2. Why the rate of union was inferior (93%) in MIPO group compared to ORIF group (97.7%)?

In the introduction (Background), the authors have mentioned increase risk of axillary nerve damage as an advantage of MIPO technique, which is obviously a wrong statement.

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

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

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.