Reviewer's report

**Title:** ORCHID: Open reduction and internal fixation versus casting for highly comminuted intra-articular fractures of the distal radius - A randomized clinical multi-center trial

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**Reviewer:** Charlie Goldsmith

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I have now had a chance to read over the reply from the authors and the revised manuscript.

The replies from the authors were quite reasonable.

In reading over the revised manuscript I found the following points that the authors should be able to deal with easily.

The pages were numbered from 1 to 30.

1. P(age) 4, p(aragraph) 3, l(ine) 5/6. Replace [recent] by [2004 and 2005]. "Recent" fades with time, while the dates are specific.

2. P 11, p 7, l 5. Replace [population] by [group]. No trial has a population as not all patients are admitted.


4. P 13, p 4, l 1. Delete [means of] since the words are redundant in English.

5. P 19 ff. References 33, 42 and 50 should be translated into English and the English title placed in [square brackets] with the (language) listed in round brackets.