Reviewer's report

Title: Hip fracture fixation in the below-knee amputee - a surgical dilemma: A case report.

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Reviewer: Jinn Lin

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 9 criteria for evaluation in the journal: Other

If other, please specify:

New idea for treatment of a common fracture.

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: No

Is this case worth reporting?: No

Is the case report persuasive?: No

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: No

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

1. In my experience, traction for reduction in patients with amputation is quite easy using skeletal traction. In patients needing fixation for walking, the bone should be strong enough to hold the pin. Besides, skeletal traction is more efficient than skin traction and requires less force.

2. The authors still did not respond to the concern that this kind of holding by the boot may slip during traction.

3. Figure number was wrong.

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.