Reviewer’s report

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

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**Reviewer:** Chi-Chang 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:

The author’s alternative in traction for hip fracture may provide clinical practitioners a convenient way to do surgery for fractured amputee stump.

**Has the case been reported coherently?**: Yes

**Is the case report authentic?**: Yes

**Is this case worth reporting?**: Yes

**Is the case report persuasive?**: No

**Does the case report have explanatory value?**: No

**Does the case report have diagnostic value?**: No

**Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?**: Yes

**Is the anonymity of the patient protected?**: Yes

**Comments to authors:**

The author had improved the statement about the alternatives of amputated stump traction for hip fracture surgery. The best presentation should include the limitation of his method using boot stirrup for traction especially avoidance of too much tension pressure during traction to prevent skin ischemia and necrosis.

Some transosseous skeletal tractions are also valuable for traction in such kind of hip surgery.

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Declaration of competing interests:**
'I declare that I have no competing interests'