Reviewer’s report

Title: Revision of a nonunited subtrochanteric femoral fracture around a failed intramedullary nail with the use of RIA products, BMP-7 and hydroxyapatite: A case report

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Reviewer: Mahbub Alam

Which of the following following best describes what type of case report this is?: Other

If other, please specify:

A combined application of recognised treatments of a complication of surgical treatment in a new clinical or anatomical setting

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

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

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

The answer to the questions should be briefly included in the revised manuscript;
1) Did the authors pre-operatively plan to use the combination of RIA autograft, BMP-7 and HA cement for the treatment of this subtrochanteric non-union?
2) If the answer to the above question was yes, why was this necessary? Could one, or a combination of two, of the above treatments have been used? In
particular could RIA and HA cement or BMP-7 and HA cement been used in combination only??
3) Where there other possible aetiological factors for non-union, eg smoking etc?

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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