Reviewer's report

Title: A Free Vascularized Tibia-fibular Composite Graft for the Traumatic Femoral Bony Defect of a Six-year-old Boy with Ten-year Follow-up: A case report

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Reviewer: Kanya Honoki

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

If other, please specify:
Alternative management for the severe traumatic case of the lower extremity.

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?: No

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?: No

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

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

Authors described the alternative management for a case of severe traumatic injury of lower extremity with complicated large bony defects and neuro-vascular involvement rather than easy amputation. The function of preserved limb was sufficient even the patient needs prosthesis after the 10 year follow-up. The manuscript is basically well explained how the authors chose the method instead of others such VFG or amputation.
Although this mean authors used would be fit for very rare particular case, it still give us the clue for alternative management for the severe injury with large bony defect.

Therefore this manuscript is suitable for publication in the journal.
The quality of Figure 3A is very low, so that it should be replaced to better one.

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I have nothing to declare.