Reviewer's report

Title: Distraction by a monotube fixator to achieve limb lengthening: predictive factors for tibia trauma.

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1. Major Compulsory Revisions
    1.1. None

2. Minor Essential Revisions
    2.1. Abstract - Background - "varies" for "varied".
        - Methods - "at two tertiary hospitals" for "at tertiary hospitals'.
        - "patients" for "patient".
        - Results - "Motorcycle accidents" for "Motorcycle accident".
    2.3. Background - First paragraph - "United States" for "United State".
    2.4. Results - last paragraph - "travelled" for "travel".
        - "procedures" for "procedure".

3. Discetionary Revisions

3.1. The paper relates more to the use of bone transport in the treatment of post-traumatic bone defects in the tibia than actual bone lengthening. The authors may consider a change in the title.

3.2. Methods, sixth paragraph - the authors should clarify that "total length of bone" refers to the length of the contralateral (normal) tibia.

3.3. Methods/ Distraction by a monotube fixator and lengthening protocol - the name of the manufacturer in Bombay, India should be stated.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.
Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.