Reviewer's report

Title: Treatment of pelvic fractures through a less invasive ilioinguinal approach combined with a minimally invasive posterior approach

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1. General comments

The second version of this manuscript shows much improvement. There are only few concerns left that I have summarized as MINOR ESSENTIAL REVISIONS below.

I think after addressing these, the submitted study will be well suited for publication in BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders.

2. Specific comments

2.1. Title
OK

2.2. Abstract
OK

3. Background

3.1 p 4, l 64: “We hypothesised that complications caused by surgical dissection would be reduced and fractures reduced and fixed when using this approach”: Rewrite.

4. Materials and Methods

4.1 p 7, l 138: “sterilising”: Sorry again, but skin can only be disinfected or prepped, not sterilized (i.e. the absence of any microorganisms)

4.2 p 7, l 146: “Medtronic” not “Medontic”.

4.3 p 8, l 158: Four weeks of bedrest is quite long when compared to the literature. Please discuss the rationale of this postoperative algorithm in the discussion section

5. Results

5.1 p 8, l 172: How did you measure reduction? At the posterior ring? At the anterior ring? Vertical or rotational displacement? How was “anatomical” reduction defined?

6. Discussion
Very good!

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

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