Reviewer’s report

Title: Primary amputation vs limb salvage in mangled extremity: a systematic review of the current scoring system

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Congratulations to the Authors for their work about scores reliability in mangled limbs treatment.

The topic is interesting and well treated. Unfortunately, the journal policies consider suitable for publication only systematic reviews and the manuscript needs to be modified to meet this requirement.

Comments: There are some typos and syntax errors that need to be corrected. Please double check the manuscript and try to use a more homogeneous form (some expressions are a bit too "conversational" in my opinion and you use different grammatical persons "we found…" vs "the authors included…").

Title: since the paper is mainly focused on reliability of different scores, I suggest to mention it in the title, that could be otherwise misleading.

Abstract: Results: I suggest reorganising this section to clarify your findings. There is a typo in the conclusions section: "wich" please correct. "Technique" should probably be plural.

Line 66: there is a typo.

Materials and Methods: PRISMA guidelines are required to meet the journal editorial policies (only systematic reviews are considered acceptable - http://www.biomedcentral.com/about/editorialpolicies). Since most of the work is done, it should not be too demanding and I strongly encourage the Authors to undertake this effort.

The addition of a table could better summarise the results that are otherwise long and a bit difficult to read.

Discussion: This section is really long. I suggest rearranging it trying to shorten it to make it more readable and clarify the relevant points.

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