Reviewer’s report

Title: Functional treatment for fractures to the base of the 5th metatarsal - Influence of fracture location and fracture characteristics

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This is a very interesting report as it may contradict prevailing opinion & treatment of Type 1 & 2 injuries. I do think the authors are subjecting the readers to reporting bias in that only 41% could be followed. What if the other 59% didn't heal, had surgery elsewhere? I would specifically state this. I would contrast to other studies & treatments of similar injuries. Re-fracture can occur a yr or more down the road. Please comment in your discussion.

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