Reviewer's report

Title: Locking plate for treatment of traumatic sternoclavicular joint dislocation: a case series

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Reviewer: Virender Kumar

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Thank you for offering me this opportunity to review this absorbing topic of clinical relevance and practical application. Please find my observations below:

1) Surgical procedure needs more elaboration, particularly the "Incision" (both superficial and deep)

2) Soft tissue reconstruction i.e. Ligament complex and capsule should be described well.

3) Page 8, Line 44 what does the author mean by the word "thrilled"?

4) How do you justify "second procedure at 3 months" for each patient despite variables?

5) Two different implants (Locking plates) are being used by the author, as shown in clinical photographs. How can the two different plates be evaluated in the given study?

The study could be re-evaluated in a new light, and it might actually provide a better management tool of this uncommon clinical entity.
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