Reviewer's report

Title: A feasibility study of 60 consecutive patients operated for unstable thoracic cage compared to historical controls treated in a mechanical ventilator

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Minor essential revisions:

The authors should specify more accurately what criteria were used to select the patients.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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 am a consultant for Depuy Synthes,