Reviewer’s report

Title: Effects of a formalized Collaboration between Plastic and Orthopedic Surgeons in severe Extremity Trauma Patients; a retrospective Study

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Reviewer: Erkki Tukiainen

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The treatment protocols/and admission policy should be commented:
- is there a change in number of complicated trauma cases during the 8-yaer period?
- has the introduction of negative pressure wound affected the number of cases or methods of treatment in these injuries?
- is there change in the admission policy in the smaller hospitals around the university hospital?

Comment on figure 1. One case (more than 200 days), the others almost the same as in the MDC group.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I have been a lectures on Synthes AO-trauma courses in Finland; Basic trauma course for residents. I have have had presentation "Open fractures, soft tissue reconstruction".