Reviewer’s report

Title: Immediate versus delayed surgery for hip fractures in the elderly patients: a protocol for a systematic review and meta-analysis

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Reviewer: Abdelhaleem Bella

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The protocol is hopeful to address very relevant and important outcomes in relation to the timing of surgery. I believe it will address needed outcomes and will help to guide our practice.

Nicole Simunovic review in 2010 , beside addressing the mortality benefit of early surgery , she also reported of some of the outcomes intended in your protocol as unadjusted data indicated that earlier surgery also reduced in-hospital pneumonia (RR 0.59, 95% CI 0.37-0.93, p = 0.02) and pressure sores (RR 0.48, 95% CI 0.34-0.69, p < 0.001).( Simunovic N, Devereaux PJ, Sprague S, Guyatt GH, Schemitsch E, Debeer J, et al. Effect of early surgery after hip fracture on mortality and complications: systematic review and meta-analysis. CMAJ.2010;182(15):1609-16.)

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