Reviewer’s report

Title: Reliability of measurements of the fractured clavicle. A systematic review.

Version: 0 Date: 25 Jul 2017

Reviewer: Jacob Schulz

Reviewer's report:

Well written manuscript on the variability within the literature on measurement of clavicle shortening and displacement. My fundamental critique is that this is presented as a very objective systematic review but ultimately is a very subjective selection of articles by a small subset of doctors. I am not disagreeing with the conclusion, only the methodology but I am not sure how to make it more objective. My recommendation would be to think about it as two articles, one that looks at the literature as objectively as possible and the other that looks at it more realistically/practically. For instance, the two articles that are mentioned but not "included' also seem valuable but are nearly excluded by their failing to meet the COSMIN / prisma standards as determined by the authors. Perhaps give more discussion to the relative benefit of these and similar.

Level of interest
Please indicate how interesting you found the manuscript:

An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English
Please indicate the quality of language in the manuscript:

Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests
Please complete a declaration of competing interests, considering the following questions:

1. Have you in the past five years received reimbursements, fees, funding, or salary from an organisation that may in any way gain or lose financially from the publication of this manuscript, either now or in the future?

2. Do you hold any stocks or shares in an organisation that may in any way gain or lose financially from the publication of this manuscript, either now or in the future?

3. Do you hold or are you currently applying for any patents relating to the content of the manuscript?
4. Have you received reimbursements, fees, funding, or salary from an organization that holds or has applied for patents relating to the content of the manuscript?

5. Do you have any other financial competing interests?

6. Do you have any non-financial competing interests in relation to this paper?

If you can answer no to all of the above, write 'I declare that I have no competing interests' below. If your reply is yes to any, please give details below.

I declare that I have no competing interests

I agree to the open peer review policy of the journal. I understand that my name will be included on my report to the authors and, if the manuscript is accepted for publication, my named report including any attachments I upload will be posted on the website along with the authors' responses. I agree for my report to be made available under an Open Access Creative Commons CC-BY license (http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/). I understand that any comments which I do not wish to be included in my named report can be included as confidential comments to the editors, which will not be published.

I agree to the open peer review policy of the journal.