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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors worked out a systematic review on a very interesting and very specific scientific question in the field of limb lengthening. Title: “Femoral lengthening in young patients” for example is more correct as patients up to 21 were included in the studies. Abstract: Results: results part stated a range from 15 to 18 for the nails – but Black et al. had a range up to 21 (18.2 ± 1.7 (18.6; 15.5-21.2)) The authors conclude that motorized nails are equal or superb in children over 9 years. This needs clarification as motorized nails are not commonly used in this age group – especially not in skeletally immature children. Only Szymczuk included patients below 15 (+/- 5) with significant different ages in the two groups. Discussion: Short analysis and review of non-pediatric or non-femur comparative studies would be interesting. This paper for example compares IM vs. EF pediatric humeral lengthening: Morrison SG, Georgiadis AG, Dahl MT. Lengthening of the Humerus Using a Motorized Lengthening Nail: A Retrospective Comparative Series. J Pediatr Orthop. 2020 Jul;40(6):e479-e486. doi: 10.1097/BPO.0000000000001453. PMID: 32501920. Discussion about intramedullary nailing in children and the limitations of this method (particularly in skeletally immature patients) would be interesting to point out the clinical relevance of the study. Conclusion; Young patients (e.g.) instead of children.