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Dear Editor,

Title: Valgus osteotomy for nonunion and neglected neck of femur fractures. A case report and review of the literature

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

11 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

Reviewer 02699716

1) *Operative procedure I would suggest changing the first sentence of the paragraph "reduction and stabilization": closed reduction in case of non-union or neglected fracture would be difficult. I would change the term "should be obtained" into "should be attempted". Furthermore an excessive force on the neck may stretch and injury the retinaculum (which is less mobile because of the surrounding scar tissue), I would suggest the author to mention this in the paper.*

Author--

The suggested changes have been incorporated.(Change in text)

Page 5, paragraph-Step 2-Reduction and stabilisation

2) *Potential pitfalls I think those paragraphs may be improved and the author, who has a big experience with this procedure, will have no difficulties doing that.*

Author-

We have added two paragraphs in pitfalls. (Change in text)

Page 6, paragraph-entitled-Too long or too short a blade

Page 7, Paragraph entitled-Position of blade plate in the femoral head

3) *Controversies I would suggest to change the title "valgus vs total hip arthroplasty" into "valgus osteotomies vs total hip arthroplasty". Few sentences about the difficulties in performing a THA after intertrochanteric osteotomy should be added.*

Author-

The changes have been made and we have added some more information for performing a THR post valgus. (Change in text)

Page 7, 8

4) *"Not all the patient who develop AVN are symptomatic" requires a reference.*

Author-

Reference (10,14) have been added. (Change in text)

5) *Prognostic factors affecting outcome I would reword the sentence "Distinguishing.... practice".*

Author-

The sentence has been reworded. (Change in text)

Page 9, last paragraph.

6) *"Head size of < 2.5 cm"? Is the author taking about femoral head diameter?*

Author-

The size refers to the length of the femoral head measured from the fovea centralis to the fracture margin (Refer original article by Sandhu et al-Ref 29) (No change in text)

Reviewer 02709664

1)Overall, a well written article, and easy to read. But, the methods of this review are missing. Where did you find the article for this review? What terms and key-words did you use?

Author-

This is not a systematic review. We used the following key words in our pubmed search
a)Valgus intertrochanteric osteotomy b) Pauwels osteotomy c)nonunion neck of femur
d)Neglected neck of femur fracture, e)Neck of femur fracture .We also used Google scholar ,& Scopus database for collecting articles .Case series with less than 10 patients,or which had less than 2 year follow up and where functional outcome was not mentioned were excluded.

2)In Operative procedure section, the text seems to be an expert opinion. Of course, the author is expert, but he has to support the indications reported in the text with literature. This review appears to me as a paragraph of a book for residents in orthopedic surgery. Every single sentence has to reflect both the conclusions of great impact article and the author experience. I think the author experience is well described, but the other part is missing. I encourage the author to complete his review as suggested. Best regards, Stefano Carbone

Author-

We have added some more points in the operative technique, potential pitfalls and the section on conclusions. The operative technique is ,as has been described by Marti, and Raaymaker. We hope the changes made are sufficient.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Yes

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