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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Several points need to be addressed before this article is ready for publication. In the part of Keywords: Humerus fracture, open reduction internal fixation, intramedullary nail, fragility index, complications, fragility index) fragility index is repeated. In the introduction you emphasized how: While the vast majority may be managed nonoperatively[1-5], surgical treatment is generally indicated for open fractures, polytrauma patients, ipsilateral humeral shaft and forearm fractures (floating elbow), segmental fractures, and cases of failed treatment in functional brace[3]. Maybe you should change: Currently, there are no defined gold standards for the treatment of humeral shaft fractures. 1.Ouyang H, Xiong J, Xiang P, Cui Z, Chen L, Yu B. Plate versus intramedullary nail fixation in the treatment of humeral shaft fractures: an updated meta-analysis. J Shoulder Elb Surg. 2013;22(3):387-9. 2. Gosler MW, Testroote M, Morrenhof JW, Janzing HM. Surgical versus non-surgical interventions for treating humeral shaft fractures in adults. Cochrane Database Syst Rev. 2012;1:CD008832.



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Very well written manuscript and quite an innovational way of applying the concept of FI in interpreting the review's findings to understand the application of available evidence beyond the p-value to clinical application. Consider the comments below 1. Minor grammatical error 2. The assessment of the quality of evidence was missing- i.e. assessment of heterogeneity, assessment of the risk of bias