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## **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The authors proposed an interesting surgical technique to pull out a screw positioned into the pelvis with a minimally invasive approach. This kind of complication might be observed more frequently in patients with a severe osteoporosis and/or anatomical alterations of the hip, and its treatment might be extremely difficult. The case report is extremely interesting and well presented, however some revisions are needed in order to improve article quality before its publication.

**Background.** Authors should improve the background section, summarizing the different implants available to fix femoral neck fractures and explaining in a better way what an “excessively deep-placed screw” is

**Methods.** Authors should clarify what surgical procedures were previously performed during “the polio orthopedic surgery” (are they co-responsible of the deep positioning of the screw?)

**Discussion.** Authors should discuss about the high incidence of osteoporosis and femoral neck fractures in patients with neurological impairments (the authors could use Toro G, Moretti A, Paoletta M, De Cicco A, Braile A, Panni AS. Neglected femoral neck fractures in cerebral palsy: a narrative review. *EFORT Open Rev.* 2020 Jan 29;5(1):58-64. doi: 10.1302/2058-5241.5.190019. PMID: 32071774; PMCID: PMC7017596 as a reference to discuss it). Furthermore, the discussion of the difficulties and pitfalls of the other more invasive techniques available to pull out the deep-placed screw is recommended. A discussion on how to prevent the deep positioning of the screw is also recommended.

**Quality of manuscript organization and presentation.** The manuscript is coherently represented, however an improvement in the written English is recommended.

**Research methods and reporting.** Authors must improve the quality of the Care checklist attached to the submission.

**Ethics statements.** An informed consent is uploaded; however, authors must add a statement in the article on both the patient’s informed consent for the surgical procedure and the consent to publication



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