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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear authors, thank you for submitting your paper to this journal. The topic is interesting, of current and future interest in foot and ankle surgery. The literature on the use of this device is currently scarce, but it is carefully analyzed. The work is well written and focuses on the pros and cons of using the device. In light of the above, I recommend the publication of the paper. Only one note concerns the title: which could be more focused on the topic of interest (IOFIX).



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Dear Authors It was a pleasure to review this paper. The title reflects the main subject of the manuscript. Abstract summarize and reflect the work described in the manuscript, however presents some methodological gaps. Please try to be more concise and use separate sections: Background, Aim, Methods, Results, Conclusions. Key words reflect the focus of the manuscript. Please try to better organize the introduction section.

After this sentence "The fundamental principles of arthrodesis include i) adequate exposure and preparation of joint surfaces, ii) coaptation of the surfaces and iii) rigid fixation of the surfaces until union." some references are needed. This part "Rigidity of fixation is not the only parameter determining successful fusion or healing of a fracture. A balance between rigidity, compression and co-aptation is probably more important..."etc would better fits in the discussion section. Methods are described in adequate detail. Please divide the result section into: CLINICAL STUDIES and CADAVERIC AND IN VITRO STUDIES Acronym should be used all over the text (subtalar (ST), talonavicular (TN), calcaneocuboid (CC), tarsometatarsal (TMT) etc...)
Discussion: in order to highlighting the key points concisely, clearly and logically, please organize the discussion section as reported in the introduction and result sections. At the end of the discussion, the sentence "The senior author of our study with previous experience in intraosseous fixation[8,9] is leading a study with a case series of 1st TMT joint arthrodesis using IOFIX and has encouraging preliminary results." is not relevant. The paper addresses an actual topic and provides an update on the evidence related Only some improvements are needed in order to make it eligible for publication.