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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Pro's: Interesting subject with lack of literature in this area. Appropriate language and editing. Good quality of the methodology of the studies that were considered in this analysis. In my opinion there is a need of any relevant data in this specific type of surgery (ExFix). Con's: - Few data regarding the orthopedic conditions that required the use of EF. Work of Pieske (2010) refers only to wrist EF - Heterogeneous results regarding the type of pins (comparison only between two types in each study), diagnosis, localization, follow-up period, and time from surgery to removal of the pins.