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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This Case Report paper presents an alternative technique for removing broken drill bits from the proximal (or distal) femur. The paper has been reviewed previously by three reviewers, and this is the second revision. The authors have made all changes suggested by the reviewers, in particular, with regards to the two main limitations of the technique: if the broken drill bit is too short, the technique may not work and the retractor may be difficult to insert if too large. Hence, I recommend this paper be published by the WJO. I have a few minor comments: 1. On p 3, Technique, line 1: Insert the word 'both' after '2 cm' i.e. both proximally and distally. On line 8 of this section, change 'in introduction of' to 'introducing' i.e. 'if the surgeon has difficulty introducing the...' or alternatively, 'if the surgeon has difficulty inserting the...' 2. On p 4, Clinical Example, lines 2-3: I think the authors mean 'The drill bit broke while statically locking the screw hole.' 3. On p 4, Discussion, lines 4-6: This would be better as one sentence i.e. '...difficult to perform in the proximal femur as the large bulk of the adductor compartment...' 4. Figure 1. In the caption, could the authors also mention the size of the retractor (a larger one of 10 mm by 30 mm) shown in the image? I think



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this is important as a narrow retractor is recommended, as they have stated, but the one shown in the image is large.



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