

Reviewer's report

Title: Damage control orthopaedics in patients with delayed referral to a tertiary care center Experience from a place where Composite Trauma Centers don't exist

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General

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

The paper can be enhanced by:

In the materials and methods section (change this to Patients and Methods):

Change ISS to NISS first paragraph and provide reference.

Conversion was done when.... It should be conversion to definitive fixation was performed when....

Do the authors have a specific protocol for pin site care of the external fixation devices?

Results:

The authors state: As per the radiological and functional scoring there were 20 excellent, 20 good,.....

The authors should provide the references of the functional outcome scores used. How did they define radiological union?

The authors report on two cases of infection.. What do they mean deep sepsis? Chronic osteomyelitis?

Discussion

The concept of total care.. should be changed to The concept of early total care....

Damage control orthopaedics in such situations may provide additional

advantage that might manifest on terms...should be in terms..

Furthermore, the authors should incorporate the figures in the manuscript.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.