



Dear Editor,

The authors (István Kádas, János Szita, György Zadravec, László Hangody, József Dóczi) of the study "Stabilization of calcaneus fractures in a closed manner with a distraction screw"<sup>[1]</sup> has reported treatment results with a "special designed distractive screw" in their study. I wonder, if the word "distractive" was written by mistake. There are several other screws used in different studies with similar designs described in the article "Stabilization of calcaneus fractures in a closed manner with a distraction screw" due to their compressive effect.<sup>[2]</sup>

The screws with different thread distances at both sides have the pushout characteristic by pulling fractured parts together with the amount of difference of thread distances.<sup>[3]</sup> Changing of localisation of the poles of the screw would not change compression mechanism in overall. Orthopaedic traumatologist may have experienced the desired distraction for instance unwillingly when they mismatch the far cortex during plate fixation of a

tubuler bone. Distraction of two parts are based up on pushing effect of these fractured parts. An example of this effect would be by "Trans1" screw, designed for percutaneous lumbosacral fixation.<sup>[4]</sup>

Yours Sincerely,

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