

Response letter

Reviewer 00506103

1. Conclusions, inserting the risk of the therapeutic approaches
→ Risks are included in the abstract and in the conclusions.
2. Indications for these techniques
→ The first two paragraphs in the section "Interventional Therapy" describe the indications for these techniques
3. Difference between intralaminar or intraforaminal approach
→ This is a very interesting topic and worth a separate review. A few thoughts about pros and cons are included.
4. Abstract should contain part of the conclusion
→ Risks are included in the abstract and in the conclusions.

Reviewer 02489089

No suggestions for improvement

Reviewer 02482577

No suggestions for improvement

Reviewer 00526025

1. Definition of words in the text
→ Although in my opinion the terms mentioned should be intelligible, these words are defined in the text
2. Facet joint versus zygapophysial joint
→ Facet joint is now consequently used throughout the text
3. Approximately before 15%...
→ Approximately was deleted
4. Page 10, severe complications
→ Severe complications are mentioned

Reviewer 02482724

1. Spelling
→ The spelling was improved

2. Abbreviations
→ RF and CPSS are already defined on page 5.
3. Mechanism of CPSS
→ The subsection "Pain sources" already exists. In this section the mechanism of CPSS is discussed in dependence of different surgical approaches and different pain characteristics (radicular, axial).
4. Number of studies in Table 1
→ Table 1 lists all studies about CPSS. In the text additionally studies with different patient populations (without CPSS) are discussed. It is now clearly marked, which studies are shown in table 1 (all studies explicitly about CPSS).
5. Threshold 59% [ref10]
→ On Page 9 [ref10] is cited. It is the only one study about thermal RF in patients with CPSS. 59% is the result from the cited study, not a threshold.
6. Last sentence P11
→ The last sentence was improved