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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 19942-review.doc).

Title: Osteitis pubis in elite athletes: Diagnostic and therapeutic approach

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

Reviewer No 3067293

I sincerely thank the reviewer for the very useful comments.

All proposed corrections were made and also all reviewer's concerns were taken into consideration.

Functional tests to assess Osteitis Pubis such as lateral compression and cross leg test and other provocation tests were referred in clinical diagnosis.

Unfortunately we were not able to identify any rating scale to report outcomes in conservative treatment for this injury or verified criteria for returning to preinjury athletic activity.

The Copenhagen Hip and Groin Outcome Score (HAGOS), although a very useful tool for the evaluation of groin pain, however to the best of our knowledge it has not been used for the assessment of osteitis pubis (OP) until now. For this reason it was not included in this review. Personally I believe that reviewer's suggestion it should be taken into consideration for future research on OP.

Preventing strategies were not analysed as this review focused on diagnostic and therapeutic approach of OP.

Final correction on page 5, line 17 was made as well as decimal format was reviewed.

Reviewer No 503631

I frankly thank the reviewer for the accurate comments.

The purpose and goals of the review was added on the abstract and introduction section of the manuscript.

The title was modified in order to reflect the content of the article which focuses on diagnosis and treatment of osteitis pubis.

Correction in Page 2 line 24-28 was made.

Recurrence rate of osteitis pubis after primary therapy was included in the manuscript.

Reviewer No 505859

I thank you very much the reviewer for all accurate corrections and the valuable contribution in the improvement of the submitted manuscript.

Reviewer No 51746

I thank you very much the reviewer for the fruitful comments.

An MRI image of OP was added.