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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

work is good. in page 12 comment of figure 8 : short (D) axis replace (C). otherwise work is interesting.

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This manuscript provides an overview on diagnosis and treatment of Morton's neuroma, including illustrative pictures. Figure legend 6: "Sagital" -> Sagittal. Figure legend 8: "Blind (A) and ultrasound guided (B) injections. Long (C) and short (C) axis view of an ultrasound guided injection into a Morton's neuroma (n)." - Did you mean: Long (C)

and short (D) axis view? Success rates of surgery: For the reader, there seems to be a discrepancy within the text: "Surgical excision success ranges from 50%- 88%" (page 15) - "The reported success rate for neurectomy is around 94% (page 16)". The following sentences are (grammatically) unclear: "We only found a single study comparing the ultrasound-guided with the blind technique, though this only had in a limited number of patients, 36" (page 12); "Previous studies that have compared the modification of the loading area of the forefoot versus isolated injection of corticosteroids, which have demonstrated the superiority at 6 months in the corticosteroids group, although no statistical difference was found at 1 year follow-up (page 13)". Additional minor comments: Page 4: "The prevalence of asymptomatic MN have been reported in 33-54% of the patients using US or MRI for diagnosis" -> has been reported as. Page 5: "Pathognomonic diagnostic clinical tests for MN do not exist and many of the clinical tests provide false positive results in feet with alternative pathologies [11] and therefore imaging may be required in order to confirm the diagnosis of MN and exclude another causes of forefoot pain, such as metatarsophalangeal joint arthritis or intermetatarsal bursitis" -> other causes. Page 8: "If appropriate diagnosis is not achieved with imaging features alone, biopsy under ultrasound guidance may help to get an accurate diagnosis (Fig. 5)" -> diagnosis. Page 11: "Reported success of conservative management including insoles and shoes modification has been reported to be around 48% [20]." -> the first "Reported" should be omitted. Page 12: "Studies with US-guided injections have shown that anaesthetic with corticosteroids have an effect..." -> anaesthetics. Page 14: Cases series -> Case series. Pages 15 and 16: "Recurrent painful neuromas after surgery has been described in 4% of cases and is less responsive to further surgical intervention" -> have been described; are less responsive.



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-Update of references as most of references are old -English language correction through the manuscript

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