

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 5359-review.doc).

Title: Isolated Dorsal Approach for the Treatment of Neglected Volar Metacarpophalangeal Joint Dislocations

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

1- Format has been updated

2- Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

2-(1) This paper has to be checked for correct grammar and spelling, preferably by a native speaker. Important details like Range of Motion, pain and strength are not satisfactorily documented. Please describe ROM according to international guidelines (extension-neutral-flexion). It has to be clarified, whether there were two cases with three dislocations or two patients with three cases. Generally a case is understood to be one patient. I would prefer to change the title in either "... A report of three dislocations." or ".. A report of two cases with three dislocations."

*We get help a English language editing company (AJE) to correct grammar and spelling.

*We did not choose ROM measurement according to international guidelines (extension-neutral-flexion). Because we compared only three MP dislocations and we could not make statistically comparison of ROM with 3 cases. Therefore we used only limitation degree of joint pre-operative and post-operative. We measured the limitation of ROM degree with the comparison of healthy the other hand same MP joint ROM.

*The first sentence of abstract is "*Here in we present the clinical and radiological results of three neglected volar metacarpophalangeal dislocations of 2 patients which were treated with open reduction 10 and 24 months after dislocation.*" We think this sentence explain clearly there are two patients with three cases.

* We changed the title because Title should be less than 12 words. We removed "A report of three dislocations." from the title.

2-(2) The authors present the case report "Isolated Dorsal Approach for the Treatment of Neglected and Complicated Volar Metacarpophalangeal Joint Dislocations: A Report of Three Cases." The report is nicely written and well analysed, only the figures needed to be worked out for size and matching of the good illustrations.

*The figure resized and modified. The resolution was increased to 300 dpi.

2-(3) There is no assessment of pain after last follow up

*We added the information about pain as There was no pain in 3 fingers in both patients at 12th month control.

3- References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Orthopaedics*.

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