

Dear dr Ruo-Yu Ma,
Science Editor Office

Thank You very much for Your answer.

We are very honored to be allowed to review our manuscript number 55095 for the publication in WJO.

We received an email by Your company editor-in-chief dr Na Ma requesting gently us to review some details of our manuscript.

We answered rapidly to dr Na Ma asking for suggestions about corrections to make.

I forward You our email (May 5th):

Dear dr Na Ma,

Company Editor-in-Chief, Editorial Office

we are very honored to be allowed to review our manuscript number 55095 for the publication in WJO.

Though, in the process of review, according to the comments of one reviewer, we are asked to reword part of the text because in a very small percentage, 5% and 6% in the two mentioned sections, it was detected by the software to be alike some previous papers. Nevertheless, we have two little considerations to bring to your kind attention: first we were not provided with the software printout as in previous different MS reviews and thus it is impossible for us to identify which exactly are the sections the reviewer is referring to; second, 5% percent is really a negligible percentage to our experience and we were never asked before to reword for much higher ones.

So we are kindly asking for your decision about it and in case you should feel it needs to be done anyways, let us please have the software report so that we could identify the sections to be reworded.

As we are very keen to collaborate and to improve our manuscript for publication, we ask You to kindly show us the corrections or missing documents required to succeed in our process of review.

Thank you for your very kind attention and assistance.

Best regards,

Dr Luca Monestier

Dear dr Yan. Hope you are fine!

I read your attached report.

I'm glad to inform You that we analyzed our last revisions and:

- concerning to pre-op and post-op scores: AOFAS score have been already reported, as You requested;
- management, follow up, pain resolution and disabilità have been already reported, as You requested;
- MWD final stages have been already reported, as You requested;
- concerning to images: we attached all the best available images for each patient; unfortunately, not all patient underwent to same MRI/CT/x-ray exam; We hope You could accept these images. We'd all be terribly sorry if this review were not accepted for this reason, as You excellent depicted the validity of our article. If not, we try to contact patients but we're not sure they have further exams.

Best regards

dr. Luca Monestier

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