

## **Foot and Ankle Surgical Implications in Obese Population: A Review Article**

### **Revised manuscript**

Dear reviewer, thanks for taking your valuable time to revise this paper in order to be suitable for publications. I am detailing the changes that have been done in the revised manuscript file:

### **Reviewer 06403983**

#### **Comment 1**

*Highlighting how this review article aims to fill the gaps in the literature and provides novelty/originality as well as more clearly demonstrating the clinical implications of findings and future research that is needed to build on knowledge and understanding in this field.*

Thanks for the input. We have provided some statistics in the introduction, outlining the rates of co-morbidities such as diabetes in the obese population group and associated problems with wound healing (Line 94) as well as briefly delving into the role of chronic inflammation in complicating post-operative outcomes (Line 68), as suggested by the reviewer.

#### **Comment 2**

*Secondly, the conclusion could be enhanced by spelling out the clinical implications of the findings*

Thanks for the suggestion. We have increased awareness of the implications of obesity and obesity-related co-morbidities and management pre- and post-operatively in this population group and we have ended the conclusion with future steps for researchers in the field, as pointed by the reviewer (Line 249).

### **Reviewer 05086048**

#### **Comment 1**

*Grammatical and punctuation error in almost sentence/paragraph that sometimes make it hard to understand what the sentence means.*

Thanks for the input, we have done the pertinent grammatical corrections.

#### **Comment 2**

*As a reader, I would love to see one image describing the summary of the paper and also one table which relevant information.*

Thanks for the suggestion, we have added a table of the key points of this review article (Line 518).

**Comment 3**

*Conclusion is very short and don't convey much information*

Thanks for the recommendation. We have added more content to the conclusion (Line 249) together with future steps (Line 254) in the same conclusion paragraph. In addition, we have added a new paragraph about limitations (Line238).

**Comment 4**

*Also, the Authors must state the limitation and future perspective of the study (a separate heading before conclusion)*

As mentioned above, we have added a new paragraph regarding limitations and we have added future steps in the conclusion paragraph.

**Comment 5**

*Also., Acknowledgement section need to either removed or something must be written*

Thanks for the review. No acknowledgements were encountered in this review so we decided to eliminate that title.

We consider your revisions very valuable for our study and hope these corrections have clarified the above comments. Thanks for the time spent in our paper.