

## Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 8487-edited.doc).

**Title:** Rotator cuff disorders: how to write a surgically relevant MRI report?

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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

- (1) A good review of common shoulder pathology seen on MRI, does not mention SLAP, labral pathology, or findings of instability.

Authors' response: the authors appreciate the reviewer's comment. However, the title of the manuscript is (Rotator cuff disorders: how to write a surgically relevant MRI report?). The manuscript highlights the imaging technique and findings of rotator cuff disorders. The authors regard findings of instability as a separate clinical entity with different anatomic and pathologic considerations, different MRI techniques and an array of findings that deserve to be a separate topic highlight. Findings of instability were discussed in detail in an excellent review article published in this respectable journal.

Jana M, Gamanagatti S. Magnetic resonance imaging in glenohumeral instability. *World J Radiol* 2011; 3:224-232 [PMID:22007285 doi: 10.4329/wjr.v3.i9.224]

- (2) Also does not discuss the emergence of ultrasound as an alternative, particularly in patients with metallic artifact or contraindications to MRI.

Authors' response: the authors agree with the reviewer's comment about the importance of Ultrasound in evaluation of rotator cuff pathology. However, the current manuscript, according to its title, is focused on Magnetic resonance imaging findings of rotator cuff disorders. Numerous reviews exist in the literature about shoulder Ultrasound including dedicated review articles on Ultrasound anatomy, Ultrasound technique, limitations and pitfalls of Ultrasound, as well as Ultrasound findings, and last but not least comparisons between Ultrasound and MRI. To include all this, even in brief, in the current manuscript titled (Rotator cuff disorders: how to write a surgically relevant MRI report?) will take the reader outside the scope of the manuscript.

- (3) Language revision and polishing was performed according to the reviewer's comment

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,



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