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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a well-written manuscript dealing with the role of the Ilizarov non-free bone plasty, together with merits and problems of the methods used ofr nonunion and bone defect management of Ilizarow method, Induced menmbrane technique and free vascularized graft. I have just a few comments, mainly on abbreviation. Abbreviations such as PMMA in Discussion and LLD in Tables should be spelled-out. In lines 16 and 22 on page 12, there are blank brackets. Also please check reference 78, URL with underline.