

To The Editor-in-Chief,
World Journal of Orthopaedics

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Dear Editors;

Thank you for the review of our manuscript submitted to World Journal of Orthopedics. We are pleased to provide the following response to the Reviewers on our manuscript.

Journal title: World Journal of Orthopedics. **Manuscript NO:** 61366. **Column:** Review

Title: Slacklining: Slacklining: A Narrative Review on the Origins, Neuromechanical Models and Therapeutic Use

Authors: Charles Philip Gabel, Hamid Reza Mokhtarinia, Bernard Guy and Markus Melloh

Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: Thanks for recommending me as a reviewer. This narrative review study highlights the knowledge-gaps and sets a foundation for the required explanatory control mechanisms that evolve and expand a more detailed multi-dimensional slacklining model and human functional movement. Overall, this study is well written.

Thank you to the reviewer.

(1) Science editor:

1 Scientific quality: The manuscript describes a review of slacklining. The topic is within the scope of the WJO.

(1) Classification: Grade B;

(2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: This narrative review study highlights the knowledge-gaps and sets a foundation for the required explanatory control mechanisms that evolve and expand a more detailed multi-dimensional slacklining model and human functional movement. Overall, this study is well written; and

(3) Format: There are no tables or figures.

A total of 114 references are cited, including 14 references published in the last 3 years.

There are 7 self-citations.

2 Language evaluation: Classification: Grade B.

3 Academic norms and rules: The authors need to provide the signed Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Form and Copyright License Agreement. No academic misconduct was found in the Bing search.

4 Supplementary comments: This is an invited manuscript. The topic has not previously been published in the WJO. The corresponding author has not published articles in the BPG.

5 Issues raised:

(1) I found the authors did not add the PMID and DOI in the reference list. **Please provide the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references. Please revise throughout;** and

(2) There are **7 self-citations. The manuscript could only have 3 self-citations** according to the editorial policy of BPG. **Please check and revise.**

6 Re-Review: Not required.

7 Recommendation: Conditionally accepted.

We advise that all existing PMID and DOIs for the publications are now added.

We advise that the self-citations have now been reduce to the Maximum of 3 as requested

Company editor-in-chief: : I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, the full text of the manuscript, and the relevant ethics documents, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Orthopedics, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office's comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors.

Before final acceptance, the author(s) must add a table/figure to the manuscript.

We have added a Table as a time line on the historical use, introduction of rope walking and the transition to modern slacklining.

All response to the noted sections are addressed above. We trust that the manuscript is now acceptable to the Editorial team. However, if any areas require additional editing or work please advise us at your convenience.

Sincerely

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