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We would like to thank the reviewer for his valuable comments and suggestions. We would

like to underline that all comments were considered, and all necessary changes were clearly

marked in the text with red color.

Reviewer #1:

Specific Comments to Authors: The authors provide an update on the diagnosis and

treatment of combined musculoskeletal and vascular injuries of the extremity from an

orthopedic perspective. The manuscript is well written and organized. The abstract and

main text clearly describe the background and the present study. I have only a minor

comment: - As a survey, an insightful discussion is usually expected. Ideally, there

should be some discussion pointing to the future directions in the surveyed topic.

However, this part is missing.

Answer: We took into account your valuable comments and suggestions and added the

section entitled "Discussion". In the discussion we summarized the main points that a

trauma surgeon should emphasize and the prospects of the future that will make the

approach of patients with combined vascular and orthopedic injuries more effective.

Moreover, we provided original pictures and prepared the figures using PowerPoint to

ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor.

Sincerely,

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