

Answering reviewers

Reviewer's code: 00742092

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear Authors, the manuscript is suitable as Editorial. Abstract is complete and main text is exhaustive.

Answer: Thank you very much for your comments.

Reviewer's code: 05789838

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The manuscript presents a rigorous three-round evaluation of core orthopaedic journals using the RCA. The list of core journals in the RCA will be a useful tool for finding journals. I think the manuscript is well written, clear in its purpose and rigorous in its approach, and clearly lists 21 high quality academic journals. The manuscript also illustrates the objectives and assessment methods of the RCA. In view of the unique value of this manuscript and its strong reference value for readers, I believe that this manuscript should be published as soon as possible. I also suggest that related RCA-based analyses and journal rankings should be published in other disciplines so that this work can benefit scholars in a wider range of disciplines.

Answer: Thank you very much for your comments. Journals rankings in other disciplines will be released soon.

Reviewer's code: 03448879

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The Baishideng's Reference Citation Analysis (RCA) database is an objective and transparent method of evaluating the quality of academic articles, providing an objective

and fair evaluation platform for readers and authors. Moreover, article types include all types of articles. I am curious about why you chose 21 high-quality academic journals, not 10 or 20. I suggest the authors can give an explanation about this question in the article.

Answer: Thank you very much for your comments. *RCA* classifies academic journals with a *JAI* of 20.0 or above as high-quality academic journals. Total 21 journals are identified to be high-quality academic journals. So, we chose these 21 journals. An explanation about this question was added in the text: *RCA* classifies academic journals with a *JAI* of 20.0 or above as high-quality academic journals, which will be highly recommended to authors and readers. There are 104 core journals in the field of orthopedics in *RCA*, among which 21 are identified to be high-quality academic journals, accounting for 20.2%.

Reviewer's code: 04341304

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I would like to congratulate you on the work seriously done. Thank you for submitting your work to *WJO*. This is an important topic. I would like to make minor comments. I hope to see the exact date for data collection. I mean for this statement "The functions of *RCA* include: Find an Article (55334324), Find a Category (254), Find a Journal (14077), Find a Scholar (632), and Find an Academic Assistant (18)"

Answer: Thank you very much for your comments. The data collection time is August 9, 2022. I have added the data collection time in the text.