

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 10992-edited.REV 1).

Title: Use of Demineralized Bone Matrix in the extremities

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The manuscript has been improved according to the remarks of reviewers:

1. Abstract Authors should try to focus on advantages and disadvantages of DBM and shortly state where it should be used or not in daily practice.

This comment was addressed and appropriated changes were made (underlined text).

2. Core tip Authors present general information why to use DBM. However not core tip as to its use is listed.

This comment was also addressed and the Core Tip was changed (underlined text).

3. Introduction "The purpose of the present study is to provide a critical review of the existing literature concerning the use of DBM products, alone or as a composite graft, in various procedures requiring bone grafting in the extremities." This is no study but a review just. Therefore please replace the word "study" which is mostly referred to original articles.

This was addressed and changed to "...present work ..."

4. It would be interesting to get to know little information about the costs of DBM which can be high. This is important, as it directly influences how often it is used independent from its clinical effectiveness.

The cost of these products varies depending on the amount, the formulation, the country, etc. Therefore it is difficult to make comparisons and most importantly it is difficult to compare the DBM's cost with the cost of an auto-grafting procedure.

5. Results. Please start with a full sentence.

This was addressed and changed to "...Twenty one clinical studies were selected for this review. These studies were analysed and described by category of use (Table 1). ..."

Thank you again for considering for publication our manuscript in the *World Journal of Orthopedics*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. I. Drosos', with a stylized flourish underneath.

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