

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 12063-review.doc).

Title: Rehabilitation in Spinal Infection Diseases

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The manuscript was revised according to reviewer. All the changes shown in yellow colour in the manuscript. And also table was added as requested by reviewer.

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

Review 1

Interesting article on the scientific and practical level. Text well wrote and easily comprehensible, nevertheless some modifications and corrections will be desirable to reconsider final work: - There are some syntax errors in the manuscript. Please take a careful look in it and revise: for exemple + in the Abstract: In these patients early, pre-operation, post-opereasyo and in the home environment to do the basic rehabilitation approaches for patients' sensory and motor skills in improving balance and prorioception developing and patients' daily living activities in making other people's help minimize the significant contributions will provide (long sentences) + beter (repeated 3 times) + both the neurological and functional status of non-traumatic SCI patients + Author et al. + Although complications were less, neurological status was mostly paraplegic and incomplete and functional status was beter at the time of the hospitalization in the non-traumatic SCI group

Answer: Spelling and writing errors in the article have been corrected. Long sentences were re-established in a simple and understandable way. We made a diagram of rehabilitation program to explain the strategy of work by period, timing of work and duration for readers and it was presented in a table form in the article.

Review 2

The manuscript submitted as a type of Evidence-Based Medicine. My suggestion is that if the authors can provide some results or analysis concerning this issue.

Answer: Some of the results and analysis have been added to article compared with our previous and the other studies.

The manuscript format is nor proper especially in paragraph, spacing and references. The manuscript need more reconstruction.

Answer: The spaces in paragraph structure and mistakes in resources were revised

Review 3

The authors described the rehabilitation of patients with spinal infection disease. It has been described how to do the rehabilitation treatment at an author's hospital, they those are well described in staged rehabilitation treatment of patients with spinal infection. But, process of rehabilitation, there is a little difference by each institute, there is a difference of policy by the attending physician. The authors describe a rehabilitation plan in their hospital and that derive general conclusions is regrettable part. There is no detailed description of the degree of recovery and the recovery rate of patients in rehabilitation after treatment but did not have a way prose rehabilitation treatment of patients in the hospital of the authors. Evidence that can be claimed optimal management seems to be insufficient. I seem that need an explanation about the result of the rehabilitation treatment of spinal infection patients at authors hospital. There are many incorrect words, correction is required.

Answer: Corrections of reviewer were applied in the article. For example, the wrong words were corrected and the data were given about the rehabilitation of spinal infections from different studies.

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

Sincerely yours,



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