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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format .

**Title:** Ewings Sarcoma of Patella – A rare entity treated with a novel technique of extensor mechanism reconstruction using tendoachilles autograft.

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

1: Format has been updated

2: Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

- (1) The definition and features of Ewing sarcoma should be written at introduction part . Thank you very much for that suggestion we also feel the same definition and features of ewing sarcoma and its theories regarding etiologies are also included in the introduction section.
- (2) The embryology and the development features of the patellar bone should be written at introduction part . Thank you very much for that suggestion . We have included developmental features and its relation to relative resistance of patella against affection of bone tumours in the introduction also.
- (3) The rarity of Ewing sarcoma at patella and the other neoplasm who were prone to involve patella bone should be written at introduction part . Thank you very much for that suggestion. We have highlighted the rarity of neoplasm in and common bone tumours that affect patella in the introduction part.
- (4) Regarding FNAC we also feel now that core biopsy at that time was much more effective. But patella being a superficial bone we opted open biopsy.
- (5) Regarding the surgery we have given a detailed description regarding position , anaesthesia, incision, technique of the whole procedure.
- (6) Regarding the various tumours affecting patella has been included in the introduction also.
- (7) We have not given much stress to genetic and histopathologic features in discussion because our main aim was to discuss regarding the rarity of ewing sarcoma of patella and its treatment using tendoachilles graft.

- (8) We have given reference regarding the two cases of Ewing sarcoma of patella in the literature.
- (9) Regarding the magnification of histopathologic picture it is H&E X 400. It is given in the figure 2A legend.
- (10) We have also revised the grammar and spelling errors of our manuscript.

We are also pleased to do any more revisions according to your suggestions.

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

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Chief Editor,

I have revised the manuscript according to your suggestions. I have removed the sentence "According to Christensen (1925), the immunity to bone tumors which the patella enjoys "is probably due to the absence of loss of growth restraint, incident to active diaphysial growth and pressure epiphysis". from the core tip section. I have also deleted the parts in the introduction which are repeated in the discussion. Once again I am thanking you for considering my paper for publication in your esteemed journal.

With Regards,

Dr. Balaji Zacharia