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RE: Manuscript No: 20529: Management of lumbar zygapophysial (facet) joint pain

1. Response to Reviewers

We have reviewed all the reviewer comments and there have not been any concerns expressed. No revisions have been made based on this. Only one reviewer said “On page 10, there are many parentheses for key words used for literature search, this reviewer suggests that authors remove these parenthesis”. This has been corrected.

Zip codes have been added as per the editor’s request.

Figure 1 has been provided with parts which are moveable and words which can be edited as per the editor’s request.

2. Statement of IRB

This is a systematic review. No statement of IRB is required. The article has been mislabeled by the editorial team as a retrospective study. This is not a retrospective study. This is a systematic review. Consequently, there is no IRB approval or lack thereof.

3. Statement of Informed Consent

No statement of informed consent is required since this is a systematic review.

4. Biostatistics Statement

There is no such statement required since there is no statistical analysis performed. This manuscript has not described any basic research or clinical research.

5. Conflict of Interest Statement

No potential conflicts of interest relevant to this article were reported. Dr. Manchikanti has provided limited consulting services to Semnur Pharmaceuticals, Incorporated, which is developing nonparticulate steroids. Dr. Hirsch is a consultant for Medtronic. Dr. Falco is a consultant for St. Jude Medical Inc. and Joimax Inc.

6. Data Sharing Statement

There is no such statement required. This manuscript has not described any basic research or clinical research.

7. Audio Core tip

This has been provided.

8. CrossCheck

This is not a retrospective review. This is a systematic review.

Even then, we have run a Google Scholar search and CrossCheck analysis. Please see the results.

9. Language certificate

The manuscript is submitted from the United States. All authors are practitioner and faculty in the United States. Consequently, this is not a non-native English speaker presentation.

Thank you,

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“There is no limit to what a man can do or where he can go if he doesn't mind who gets the credit.”
Ronald Reagan