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Thank you for inviting us to submit a revised version of our manuscript. The comments and suggestions of the reviewers were very much appreciated. We have listed the comments below, followed by the manner in which we have addressed them.

Reviewer: 2

I mainly concern the arrangement of the paper. The authors should consult someone more familiar with scientific writing, and deposition of the paper will be based on the revision.

Response:

The authors thank the reviewers for their observation. We have arranged the manuscript according to the guidelines of the WJO. We will, of course, make any editorial changes recommended. The authors believe that, of the three principle authors with over 200 published manuscripts collectively, their scientific writing is of sufficient standard.

Reviewer: 2

1. Abstract should be object, methods, results, and conclusion, though those subtitle are omitted in some journals and only one paragraph is present.

Response:

WJO editorial office has instructed authors to format an unstructured abstract. Please see comment from "Guidelines for Manuscript Preparation and Submission: Review".

Reviewer: 2

2. The second paragraph of Introduction should be more detailed.

Response:

The authors thank the reviewers for their comments. We are unsure as to what detail is lacking as the introduction states what will be explained and discussed later in the manuscript.

Reviewer: 2

3. References should be less than 35.

Response:

WJO editorial office does not instruct authors to use less than 35 references in "Guidelines for Manuscript Preparation and Submission: Review". Additionally, "Format for Manuscript Submission: Review" published by WJO editorial office included 102 references. Furthermore, there has been a number of review papers published in WJO having greater than 35 references.

Reviewer 3:

Very nice review article about ankle arthrodesis. However, recently published article about driving ability after ankle arthrodesis (Driving and emergency braking may be impaired after tibiotalar joint arthrodesis: conclusions after a case series. Schwienbacher S et. al.) should be mentioned.

Response:

The text was amended accordingly.

Line 355

In regards to the effects of ankle arthrodesis on the automobile breaking. Jeng et al. demonstrated that ankle arthrodesis can significantly decreased the total break reaction time. However, this delay does not exceed the safe reaction brake timing criteria by the United States Federal Highway[49]. Schwienbacher et al. performed comparative case series in a driving simulator and found that patients receiving ankle arthrodesis had less of an ability to brake under emergency circumstances compared to healthy volunteers[50].

We appreciate your review.