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Dear Editor-in-Chief and reviewers of the World Journal of Orthopedics,

We appreciate your time and efforts for reviewing this manuscript. We have addressed all issues indicated in the review reports point by point.

Response to comment(s) from reviewer 1 (02699758)

Comments to authors: The authors described detail procedure for avoiding nerve injuries during elbow arthroscopy. The manuscript is well written and easy to understand even for beginners. With minor revisions, I recommend this paper to be accepted. 1. Fig. 7, 8, and 9 should be cited in the text within parenthesis. 2. If possible, it is desirable that arthroscopic photos during surgery are included in the manuscript.

Response to reviewer: We greatly appreciate the reviewers' efforts to carefully review the manuscript and offer valuable suggestions. We have made the following revisions accordingly;

Comment 1. Figures 7, 8 and 9 have been brought forward in the manuscript and renumbered to figure 1, 2 and 3, respectively. The remaining figures 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, have been renumbered to figures 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, respectively, in order for the figures to be numbered in order of appearance. Figures 7, 8 and 9 are now cited in the text on rule number '112'. We have also added the figure numbers to table 1.

Comment 2. Thank you for your suggestion. Unfortunately, at the moment we do not have any arthroscopy films or photos available. Furthermore, because the nerves around the elbow joint are not visible during elbow arthroscopy, we believe that arthroscopic photos are of limited additional value to our manuscript. However, it is definitely a worthy continuation of our work to provide for example educational videos in the future.

Response to comment(s) from reviewer 2 (00738830)

Comments to authors: A very good written review. No any correction needed.

Response to reviewer: Thank you kindly for your efforts of reviewing our manuscript.

Response to comment(s) from reviewer 3 (03069301)

Comments to authors: The authors present a paper on how to avoid iatrogenic injuries in elbow arthroscopy. The paper is neatly written. Text is correct and also references and figures.

I think this paper is going to be read by many orthopedic surgeons related with elbow arthroscopy.

Response to reviewer: Thank you kindly for your efforts of reviewing our manuscript. We like to believe, with you, that this manuscript will serve as an educational paper or guideline for many orthopaedic surgeons.

Further changes made to the manuscript as suggested by editor Fang-Fang Ji;

1. We have adjusted the title page to the format provided;
 - a. Added postcodes to 'Institutions' (rule numbers 9, 11 and 13)
 - b. Added author contributions (rule numbers 15-19)
 - c. Replaced the 'Disclaimer' with the 'Conflict-of-interest statement' (rule numbers 21-26)
 - d. Added 'Open-Access' statement (rule numbers 28-34)
 - e. Added telephone and fax number (rule numbers 39 and 40)
2. We have added keywords (rule numbers 51 and 52).
3. We have added the copyright statement (rule numbers 54 and 55).
4. We have added a core tip (rule numbers 58-64, 80 words).
5. We have added a citation according to the delivered manuscript format (rule numbers 66 and 67).
6. We have modified the reference numbers in text in order for them to list in order of appearance and adjusted the references to the format provided.

Additional changes made to the manuscript to complement any missing details or correct typos:

1. We have changed 'summary' into 'abstract' (rule number 42).
2. We have added references to 'increasing range of indications' sentence in the introduction (rule number 78).
3. We have replaced the sentence 'come also an increase of complications' with 'a rise in complications is foreseen' (rule number 81).
4. We have switched the sentences 'With the rising number of elbow arthroscopies being performed nowadays due to an increasing number of surgeons performing this procedure and a broader range of indications, a rise in complications is foreseen.' and 'Nowadays arthroscopy of the elbow is performed more frequently for an increasing range of indications; primary degenerative arthritis, posttraumatic contracture, rheumatoid arthritis, lateral/medial epicondylitis, synovial disorders, osteochondral defects, radial head resection, loose bodies, posteromedial impingement, plica excision, select fractures of the capitellum/coronoid process and radial head, and debridement of osteophytes^[1-6].' (rule numbers 73-81).
5. We have moved 'Table 1' to the end of 'How to avoid nerve complications in elbow arthroscopy?' and referred to table 1 in text (rule number 273).

Again, thank you for your time and efforts in reviewing our manuscript. We hope that after these changes the manuscript is suitable for publication in the World Journal of Orthopedics.

Yours sincerely,

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