

## ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Prof. Filippo Cademartiri, Editor-in-Chief,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: No-3179 Review).

**Title:** Resolution of Epidural Hematoma related to Osteoporotic Fracture after Percutaneous Vertebroplasty

**Running Title:** Epidural Hematoma Resolution after PVP

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

1. Abstract: "We first report a case that showed ...." Should read "we are the first to report a case....." no evidence to support the main conclusion that "Intravertebral stability after treatment has played an important role in this patient

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We agree and have changed the first sentence accordingly.

Because of your comments below, we also changed the last sentence of the Abstract.

2. Discussion: "Because of the presence of the fracture line between the intravertebral clef

and the EDH, we assumed that the instability of the fracture was a cause of hematoma. This assumption was verified by the resolution of the fracture and the EDH after successful PVP, presumably through the stabilization in this fracture.". Again, no evidence is offered. At best, it could be stated that "we theorized that the instability of the fracture.....". The author should again remind the reader that these hematomas resolve spontaneously (as referenced earlier) and this may represent spontaneous resolution.

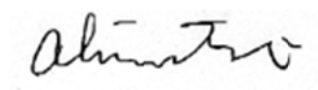
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We agree with your comments. The exact mechanism by which the hematoma after percutaneous vertebroplasty was resolved remains unclear.

3. The additional suggested changes were made in the Introduction and Discussion.

We have revised our manuscript according to the reviewer's comments as much as possible over this time period. We hope you agree that the revised manuscript is suitable for publication in World Journal of Radiology. We look forward to hearing your reply.

Sincerely yours,



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