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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors present a case series and a proposed standardized language for lumbar ganglion cysts. The paper is generally well-written and easy to read. There are however some typographical errors and minor formatting that should be corrected. Title: The title should indicate this is a case series and a proposed classification method for lumbar ganglion cysts. abstract: typo in line 4 (fin vs. in) Intro and methods; there are multiple 1-sentence paragraphs...please modify to have at least 2 sentences per paragraph. paragraph 2 of intro has a spelling error (hypermobility) VAS and JOA should be written out the first time used before abbreviating. last line of methods: the p value should have "." not a "," more detail in the methods of how the classification was developed would be helpful. Results: typo in line 2 of last paragraph claudication Discussion: please include more of the proposed classification and how it was applied to the results of this case series conclusion: focus more on clinical application of the results of this study/classification images; do the authors have permission to reprint



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