

Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format.

**Title:** Feet Injuries in Rock Climbers

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

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

I do not know if the 2 cases (the 2nd one is not a real case report...) improve the readability of this article. I think a review (only) article is a better choice but this is up to the editor.

As the editor did not comment on this and the edited pdf still contains these two case reports we understand that the editors agree to keep these two cases. We would be happy to keep the two case reports as examples in the review, but this decision is up to the editor.

Page 9: line 1: what kind of contusion? Ankle sprain; of the lateral ligaments?

Yes; the text was changed

Page 9: instability more than displacement is a reason to operate on ankle fractures

We don't exactly understand what you mean by this comment. The papers don't go into the details what kind and what degree of ankle sprains.

Figure 11/12: I do not know if shoulder is the correct name for this location

We think it is

Page 10: "cartiledge" should be cartilage

changed

Page 16: is it still possible to climb after a cheilectomy or IP fusion

See new text:

Rock climbing is still possible afterwards, nevertheless the risk of osteoarthritis in the adjunct joints increases

Page 16: please mention that an enchondroma is not a result of the climbing

Please see new text

(preexisting and not as a result of climbing activities)

Page 17:" Currently the first author works together with the climbing shoe company Lowa ?,

Jetzendorf, Germany to improve the medical aspects in climbing shoe constructions" Please mention your disclosures

I am a technical advisor to Lowa for medical aspects in climbing shoes. Nevertheless as it probably does not at all add to the paper we deleted this sentence.

More than 25% of the references are from the first author...

As we have more than 100 papers on climbing injuries this may not surprise. Nevertheless more citations by other authors were added.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

4 Comments and changes according to the questions in the edited pdf.

Addresses pg 1 are specified

More information about author contributions are given

Figures got to the end of the paper

Figure 1 will be added formatable

The number of ref. are no less than 100:

We know that you would prefer more citations, as we would. Nevertheless there are only few papers on the specific topic...

We added some more references were possible.

Please provide PubMed citation numbers for the reference list, e.g. PMID and DOI, which can be found at <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/entrez?db=pubmed> and <http://www.crossref.org/SimpleTextQuery/>, respectively. The numbers will be used in the E-version of this journal. Thanks very much for your co-operation.

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Thank you again for considering our manuscript in the *World Journal of Orthopedics*.

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