

Dear *Editors and Reviewers*:

We thank you for your positive comments. We have revised the manuscript with the aim of responding to the comments. A revised manuscript is being submitted. After making changes to the contents and responding to reviewers' comments, the text of the manuscript was then edited again by our professional editor at UTHSC. Dr. Jablonski has also given the manuscript another careful proofreading.

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C: - Specific Comments to Authors: Well written and interesting manuscript describing a new technique for the treatment of femoral head osteonecrosis. The new technique join a new way of percutaneous expanded core decompression with subsequent bone graft. The results seems to be excellent and a careful patient selection should be applied. The study com pare only three patients with the new technique with three patients treated with the older technique. The results are interesting and useful for physicians involved with such problems. The authors should be encouraged in going on with their technique

A: Thank you very much for your encouraging comments. We have provided the necessary documents for the publication. We hope that our manuscript will be published soon.

(1) Science Editor: 1 Scientific quality: The manuscript describes a retrospective study of modified technique of advanced core decompression for treatment of femoral head osteonecrosis. The topic is within the scope of the WJCC. (1) Classification: Grade B; (2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: The reviewer thinks it is a well written and interesting manuscript describing a new technique for the treatment of femoral head osteonecrosis. The result seems to be excellent and a careful patient selection should be applied. The results are interesting and useful for physicians involved with such problems. (3) Format: There is 1 table. A total of 30 references are cited, including 4 references published in the last 3 years. There is no self-citation. 2 Language evaluation: Classification: Grade A. Three of the authors are native speakers of English. 3 Academic norms and rules: The authors provided the Signed Informed Consent Form and the Institutional Review Board Approval Form. The authors signed the Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Form and the Copyright License Agreement. The Biostatistics Review Certificate was not provided. No academic misconduct was found in the CrossCheck detection and Bing search. 4 Supplementary comments: This is an unsolicited manuscript. The study was supported by the merit grant from the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Memphis, the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, and the first hospital of Qiqihar city. The topic has not previously been published in the WJCC. 5

Issues raised: (1) The authors did not provide the approved grant application form(s). Please upload the approved grant application form(s) or funding agency copy of any approval document(s);

A: We have provided the Chinese version of the study approval document from the First Hospital of Qiqihar City.

(2) PMID and DOI numbers are missing in the reference list. Please provide the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references. Please revise throughout.

A: We have added DOI numbers to most of the references in the list. But we can't find the numbers of PMID and DOI for the reference fourteenth and twenty-first.. The fourteenth is an article published in Chinese Journal, we only found its article number. The twenty-first is an article published in 1965 without such IDs.

(2) Editorial Office Director: I have checked the comments written by the science editor.

A: Thank you very much.

(3) Company Editor-in-Chief: I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, the full text of the manuscript, and the relevant ethics documents, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Clinical Cases, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office's comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors. Before its final acceptance, the author(s) must provide the Chinese version of the ethical approval document.

A: Thank you. We have provided the Chinese version of the study approval document from the First Hospital of Qiqihar City.

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