

Dear Prof. Lian-Sheng Ma:

Thank you very much for your letter and advice. We have revised the manuscript with tracked changes, and would like to re-submit it for your consideration. The response to your comments are listed below this letter.

We hope that the revised version of the manuscript is now acceptable for publication in your journal.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely, Hui Lu M.D.

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Replies to the comments

Reviewer #1:

(1) Please qualify the statement that it is always mass effect that causes symptoms from PNTs. I do not believe this to be correct - pain can also be neuropathic or infective or inflammatory for example. Differential diagnoses need to be listed eg foreign body inclusion granuloma, flexor tendon cysts, ganglion, mucous cysts, etc.

Answer: we have revised the inaccurate description and added

differential diagnosis in the “Introduction” and “Conclusion” sections.

Reviewer #2:

(1) Thank you for great manuscript about peripheral nerve tumors of the hand: clinical features, diagnosis, and treatment. This manuscript is valuable to readers to show the differences the PNT compared with MPNST, Thank you.

Answer: Thank you for your approval.

Science editor:

(1) The “Author Contributions” section is missing. Please provide the author contributions.

Answer: we have provided “Author Contributions” section in “revised manuscript file” as “Ma FX and Zhou HY contributed to the literature search and study design. Jiang S contributed to study conception and manuscript writing. Lu H contributed to study design and manuscript revision. The authors have read and approved the final manuscript.”.

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Answer: we have updated the reference style to meet the requirement.