

List of answers and rebuttals

Reviewer 1: Specific comments

1. This is a review article

The authors agree. However, being the present study an invited article, the title was predetermined and thus it cannot be changed

2. Several factors influence the management. Please discuss these

The several factors that influence the management of these fractures have been thoroughly discussed in the various paragraphs of the paper

3. Please also summarize in the form of "Table"

Tables have been created and inserted in the "nonoperative treatment" paragraph (Table 1) and the "surgical treatment" paragraph (Table 2).

4. What is the new knowledge from this article?

This study is classified as a review and part of a monography. For this reason this section is not foreseen. However, in the "conclusions" paragraph keypoints and fundamental knowledges are summarized

5. Finally, please recommend the readers "How to apply this knowledge for routine clinical practice?"

See previous point

Reviewer 2: Specific comments

Study title: I believe that the current study title does not accurately represent the context of your paper as you discussed not only management of this type of fractures but also epidemiology, complications ect. Please consider revising

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Introduction: Please provide references for the second and third paragraphs

References have been added accordingly

Epidemiology section: Please consider providing a reference for the first sentence 'Ankle fractures are frequent injuries, accounting for about 9% of all fractures.'

Reference has been added accordingly

'There's been a sharp increase' should be 'there has been a sharp increase'

Text has been changed accordingly

In the diagnosis section, please consider revising the sentence 'Since most isolated distal fibula fractures are stable and incomplete fracture' for clarity.

Text has been changed as follows: "Since most isolated distal fibula fractures are stable"

In the radiographic evaluation section, please change 'condral' to 'chondral'.

Text has been changed accordingly

In non-operative treatment section, the use of 'Anyway' appears to be incorrect for a scientific paper presentation.

Text has been changed removing "Anyway"

In the complications section, please give reference for reported incidence of non-union (if any).

References have been added accordingly

In ROM limitation section, please consider spelling out the abbreviation when you use it for the first time in the text.

Text has been changed accordingly, spelling out the abbreviation at the first appearance in the text.