

Dear Editor:

Thank you for your recent communication regarding our manuscript (63098, Editorial), entitled “Is it time to put traditional cold therapy in rehabilitation of soft-tissue injuries out to pasture?”. We are very pleased to know that it is potentially acceptable for publication in World Journal of Clinical Cases. We have carefully read the comments from reviewers and have revised our manuscript to address their concerns. Revised sentences are highlighted in yellow in the revised manuscript. We have also provided a point-by-point response to the reviewers’ comments below. We hope that our responses and revisions will satisfy the concerns raised, and that our manuscript is now suitable for publication. I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

### **Response to comments from Reviewer 1**

**Comment 1.** When talking about the application of cryotherapy in soft tissues, it should be specified whether it is tendon, muscle or ligament, as it is not the same for each tissue

**Response.** Your suggestion has been taken. We have provided further discussion of the use of cryotherapy in different types of soft-tissues. For details, please refer to the revised version.

**Comment 2** The use of hyperbaric cryotherapy needs to be better justified, as conventional cryotherapy is initially questioned, but is subsequently indicated as something new and potentially beneficial for patients. Better justification is needed.

**Response.** As we discussed in the article, the therapeutic effect between the two remains controversial, and no consensus has been reached concerning the best cryotherapy protocols or application methods in the current studies. For a more clear justification, in the revised manuscript, we provided a more detailed introduction of the application of hyperbaric cryotherapy. For more information, please refer to the revised version.

**Comment 3.** I encourage the authors to conduct a randomised clinical trial and test the results of this new cryotherapy.

**Response.** We agree with your point. RCT studies are warranted in the future to further test



the efficacy of this new cryotherapy. Actually, we are preparing for such a RCT study for this purpose.

#### **Response to comments from EDITORIAL OFFICE**

**Comment 1.** Before final acceptance, the author(s) must add a table/figure to the manuscript.

**Response.** Thank you for your suggestion. We have added a table comparing the two cryotherapy ways at the end of the manuscript. For details, please refer to the revised version.

**Comment 2.** (1) The “Author Contributions” section is missing. Please provide the author contributions; and (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.

**Response.** Thank you for your suggestion. We have added The “Author Contributions” section in the revised version, and also modified the reference format (added PMID and DOI when applicable and available).