

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 8582-review.doc).

Title: The Management and Prevention of Acute and Chronic Lateral Ankle Instability in Athletic Patient Populations

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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

(1) References in the text have not been run correctly and consecutively.

Response: The ordering and content of the references have been corrected and updated.

(2) Punctuation marks should be revised.

Response: Line editing and grammatical errors have been revised throughout.

(3) Number of health care visits and their costs are different in introduction part and epidemiology part.

Also, incidence rates are not the same. I think they should be mentioned only in epidemiology part. The authors should add more other topics to the introduction part.

Response: The authors can appreciate where this would be confusing. For the purposes of the review, the prevalence and cost discussion have been consolidated to prevent redundancy. The epidemiology will primarily focus on incidence rates in a broad population and more importantly, active patient cohorts (e.g. athletes, military), with a subsequent discussion of itemized risk factors.

4) Duplication of subjects in the several paragraphs (e.g. table 1 and risk factors) should be modified.

Response: Thank you for your suggestion. Accordingly, we have revised the risk factors section to limit redundant material. The authors feel that the table represents a useful complement to the current review. However, if the editorial team would like to exclude this from final publication, we would agree to that.

5) In several parts of the paper, the subjects should be explained in a meaningful, disciplinary, and uninterrupted way. Several parts have been written in a repeated and confused style.

Response: Thank you for your feedback. We have attempted to streamline the organization and flow of this manuscript to meet your recommendations.

6) Almost all cited references (may be except two of them) have been published before 2010. They should study add up-to-date review papers which have been published from 2010 till now.

Response: Due to the breadth of this topic and extensive body of literature, the authors have selected the most relevant, impactful publications for the current review. In total, there are 14 reference citations published on or after 2010 (annotated in margins of references section). The two additional publications recommended by the other reviewer have also been incorporated.

3. The purpose of the present review “is to summarize the relevant contemporary literature regarding acute and chronic lateral ankle instability and identify epidemiological risk factors for subsequent injury within an active patient population”. It is a rather good review discussing the major topics about the acute and chronic lateral ankle instability. Moreover, authors are identifying the risk factors for the subsequent injury. However, in a quick search there were found two investigations about acute and chronic lateral ankle instability which were not included in the review (Chan et al. 2011; DiGiovanni et al. 2004). Authors should check again the references related to their work and include them in the appropriate section of their review. Chan KW, Ding BC, Mroczek KJ. Acute and chronic lateral ankle instability in the athlete. Bull NYU Hosp Jt Dis. 2011;69(1):17-26. DiGiovanni BF, Partal G, Baumhauer JF. Acute ankle injury and chronic lateral instability in the athlete. Clin Sports Med. 2004 Jan;23(1):1-19.

Response: Thank you for your recommendations. These two review articles have been incorporated.

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

Sincerely yours,

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