

**Point-by-point responses**

**Reviewer #1:**

“However, to improve the manuscript, the author should ensure that the references cited in the introduction and related work section are thoroughly addressed in the reference section... Finally, the author should ensure that all references are properly formatted according to the relevant rules.”

**We have added more references to thoroughly support the information described throughout the editorial. We have also reformatted the references to align with the requirements of BPG.**

“Additionally, the introduction should provide an extended version of the abstract, with elaboration on the key points and supportive ideas and references.”

**We have rewritten the introduction to represent an extended version of the abstract, and elaborated on key points. We moved the background on HVA measurement to a subsequent section, entitled “Background on hallux valgus.”**

“Lastly, the conclusion section needs revision to provide a more insightful and comprehensive summary of the manuscript.”

**We have extensively rewritten the conclusion to contain more insightful analysis of the manuscript, highlighting its limitations and relevance.**

**Editor feedback:**

“When revising the manuscript, it is recommended that the author supplement and improve the highlights of the latest cutting-edge research results, thereby further improving the content of the manuscript.”

**We have included additional references throughout the manuscript that highlight recent, relevant works in the field.**