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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the responses to reviewer's comments.

**Title:** Distraction Arthroplasty in Osteoarthritis of the Foot and Ankle

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(Reviewer 1)

The authors present their own distraction arthroplasty experiences of their center in this article. The article is quite descriptive and well design. I believe that the article will contribute to the literature.

**Response:**

Thank you so much. We appreciate the Reviewer's comment on our paper.

(Reviewer 2)

1 Case reports 118- 125 should be omitted. ( no relationship with the case) Classification of arthritis Classification of the stages of primary osteoarthritis of the ankle (28): 4-There is subchondral bone contact throughout the tibiotalar joint. Images and Fig should be in the text of clinical presentation. The number of photo needed to be decreased. Before to be concluded, limitation of this study needed to be described.

**Response:**

Thank you so much. We appreciate the Reviewer's constructive comment on the paper.

- Classification of arthritis has been removed from the manuscript as recommended, and the reference has been removed as well
- We rearranged the images and figures to be after the clinical presentation of each patient and cite them in the manuscript.
- We reduced the number of the images as recommended
- We added the limitations of our case series and the future for more randomized clinical trials need.

Thank you so much for taking the time to review our paper.  
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