

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear authors, thank you for putting so much effort in the preparation of the manuscript. It is a very interesting topic and I have few suggestions to improve the manuscript.

Introduction: The locations in which stress fractures develop depend primarily on the type of physical activity performed by the individual, parts of the body involved in the activity and the stresses exerted on a particular anatomic structure. Please include a reference. Do you present the average age or median age in case presentation?

RESULTS: Can you create a table to give an overview of the different cases? Why did your follow up vary among different patients? When did you use an MRI scan when a CT scan?

DISCUSSION: I would suggest to focus on the literature. It seems that you summarize your own findings, diagnostic protocols and you recommend your personal opinion. Please state which is more sensitive/ Specific to detect stress fractures: MRI or CT scan. Which one is superior? What does the literature report about ultrasound healing device and PRP? 'cooperation is key to making accurate and quick diagnoses. Radiologists who know a patient's medical history can assess' Please change either TO MAKE or delete TO It seems that you prescribe Vit D routinely without testing the Vit D levels? What is the evidence for it? do you have any references for it? Have you asked for the intake of anticonceptions? Does this influence stress fractures? You suggest laboratory diagnostics -> what do you expect? 'Considering the influence of vitamin D levels on fatigue fractures, it should be noted that at least half of the patients diagnosed with this type of malady are characterized as having a low level of this vitamin (levels below 40 ng/mL are considered insufficient based on the standards established by the Vitamin D Council; levels below 30 ng/mL are considered insufficient based on the recommendations by the US Endocrine Society). ' Please include a reference 'High-risk



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patients, such as female running athletes, are particularly noteworthy.' Any reference? 'Currently, the utilization of advanced multisensory recording systems, which allow motion data to be recorded (called motion capture systems), and even wireless surface electromyography (<http://www.motekmedical.com>) or textile-based electromyography have been introduced for the clinical analysis, rehabilitation, evaluation and recording of the human balance system.' Please include a reference. Finally I would suggest to develop an algorithm.

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear authors, thanks a lot for your improvements. It can be accepted in the current form.