

24th May 2016

Mr Fang-Fang Ji
Science Editor
Editorial Office
World Journal of Orthopedics

M/S #:Manuscript NO: 25382

Title: Epidemiology of isolated hand injuries in the United Arab Emirates

Dear Science Editor

Thank you for your kind response and giving us the chance to re-submit a revised version of the above manuscript. We have revised the manuscript and answered all reviewers' concerns. All changes made have been highlighted with yellow color to facilitate the review process. We hope that these changes will be satisfactory and the manuscript finds a place in your reputable journal. Our response in order is as follows:

Reviewer 03516798

Thank you for very useful comments. The answers to specific comments are shown below:

Comment 1: Page 3 Abstract: Please clarify "had more females ($p < 0.0001$)" since it gives us an impression that 'patients injured at home had more females'; otherwise eliminate it since this subject is not really discussed in the section Results

Answer: Thank you for this important comment. We corrected the sentence in abstract to be clearer and included the sentence in the Results (p.6).

Comment 2: Page 9 Limitations: add 'a' before 'decade old'.

Answer: We included 'a' as suggested.

Comment 3: Page 9 Conclusions: add 'isolated' before 'hand injuries especially at work'

Answer: We have now added 'isolated' as advised.

Reviewer 03069337

We have now corrected Tables 1 and 3 as suggested.

Thank you for all your useful comments and assistance.

Yours sincerely

Fikri M. Abu-Zidan,

Professor, Department of Surgery, College of Medicine,

UAE University, Al Ain, United Arab Emirates

fabuzidan@uaeu.ac.ae