

## **Cover letter of Authors**

To the Editor,

Dear Sir,

We would like to thank you and your reviewers for your positive and helpful feedback and for accepting our manuscript for publication in WJO.

We are very pleased that only one minor issue was raised by one of the three reviewers. We would also like to thank all reviewers for evaluating the language as “Grade A: priority publishing”. This is probably because we had our manuscript already read and edited by a native speaker.

We are looking forward to receiving your final decision on our work.

Kind regards,  
Haris Vasiliadis

## **Reply to Reviewers**

### **Reviewer 02488630**

Dear Author,

This is a good review on glucosamine and chondroitin treatment of osteoarthritis. From my point of view, this paper has a potential to be accepted, however it requires some revision.

Minor comments:

Introduction section should include the criteria of systematic review; which databases were employed, how many titles and abstracts were screened and how many of them were included and why others were excluded.

Authors' reply;

We would like to thank the reviewer for his nice words.

Regarding the comment related to “the criteria of systematic review”, we would like to highlight that our manuscript is not a “systematic” review, but a “review”. We have made this clear and transparent in the manuscript but also on the title of our manuscript.

Therefore, there is not a systematic search available, but rather an empirical search of the main studies of the literature.

**Reviewer 02446114**

No comments by the reviewer. Accepted as it is.

**Reviewer 02444795**

No comments by the reviewer. Accepted as it is.