Author's response to reviews

Title: Are classifications of proximal radius fractures reproducible?

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Dear Sir,

I am sending the second revision of my manuscript about proximal radius fractures classification.

According to the Associate Editor’s comments,

1) Tables 2 and 3 were deleted. Paragraph #3 and part of paragraph #4 of the results were also deleted. Paragraph #3 of the discussion was deleted too, because it was related to tables 2 and 3.

2) The term reliability was used instead of concordance, reliability and reproducibility.

3) The first sentence of paragraph #6 of the introduction was deleted.

4) Paragraph #6 of the discussion has been rewritten.

5) Abbreviations in Tables 1 and 2 were explained.

According to the Reviewer’s report, Mr. Jack Anavian,

1) The conclusion was changed, mentioning that the Mason classification is the most reliable system.

2) The last paragraph of the discussion has been rewritten, correlating our results to new studies proposed to the development of the ideal classification.

3) After paragraph #5 of the discussion, a new paragraph was inserted stating the complexity of the AO/ASIF classification and its impact on its reliability.

Please contact me if you have any questions about my manuscript.

With best wishes,

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