Author’s response to reviews

Title: Percutaneous balloon kyphoplasty for the treatment of vertebral compression fractures

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Dear Editor,

Submitted please find our article entitled "Percutaneous balloon kyphoplasty for the treatment of vertebral compression fractures" which we are submitting for publication in "BioMedCentral Surgery". All the manuscript and figures were submitted electronically.

We thank the editor and the reviewers for all of the kind concerns and valuable comments. The manuscript has been rewritten accordingly. Based on the reviewer’s recommendation, we list below in detail the revisions that have been made in response to each concern of reviewer.

We also thanks for Zhiyong Hou and Yingze Zhang for the kind appreciation of our work. We list below in detail our further responses to Dr. George Osterhoff’s comments.

**Reviewer Georg Osterhoff’s comment 1 :**

Methods:

page 6, line 7: I still have difficulties to understand your inclusion/exclusion algorithm. I do agree very much with the inclusion criteria described in the revised text. However, if vertebroplasty and kyphoplasty were performed in about four hundred patients per year, did you then exclude 213 (400 – 187) patients due to active infection, neurologic deficit, and uncorrected therapeutic anticoagulation?

**Authors’ response:**

1. Thanks for your kindly appreciation of our inclusion criteria.

2. About four hundred patients per year were treated with vertebroplasty or kyphoplasty in our department. Kyphoplasty in 187 patients and vertebroplasty in 213 patients. Sentence changed as review’s suggestion. (Page 6, Line 7-9 )
Reviewer Georg Osterhoff’s comment 2:

page 13, line 17: “number of patients” is doubled

Authors’ response:

Words deleted as you suggested.

Your Sincerely,

Sincerely,

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