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Regarding: Manuscript Number 6018
ID for submission: 00505418

Dear Dr. Bao-Gan Peng:

Thank you for considering our original manuscript, entitled "Research in spinal surgery: Evaluation and practice of evidence-based medicine " (No. 6018), for publication in World Journal of Orthopaedics. This is an invited review article, and our ID for submission is: 00505418. Included is a revision of the manuscript. Please read below for specific changes made in response to reviewers' comments.

Reviewer **00506224**:

Overall this is a concise paper giving a broad overview of EBM from the viewpoint of a spinal surgeon. I think it provides useful information for those new to EBM. On pg 10, the scoring for the modified JOA, which is more often used in the USA, should be better detailed. For example the highest score is 18 rather than 17. Please cite references for each of the outcome measures.

Response:

Thank you for your review. In accordance with your suggestions, we have made several changes to the manuscript. We expanded on the scoring system for the modified JOA, and added references for the different outcome measures. Please see these highlighted changes in the revised manuscript.

We appreciate your thoughtful comments and hope you find our revisions satisfactory.

Sincerely,

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