

## **Authors' Response to Company editor-in-chief:**

We sincerely appreciate your thoughtful consideration and the valuable recommendations provided for the revision of our manuscript titled "Limb Lengthening and Reconstruction Society (LLRS) Orthopedic Surgeons in the United States: An Analysis of Membership" We have diligently followed all the advice from you and have attached our responses below. We hope that these modifications meet your expectations, and we are more than willing to make any further necessary changes to enhance the quality of our text based on your invaluable insights.

Sincerely,

Corresponding Author

Date: Dec 20, 2023

I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, full text of the manuscript, and the relevant ethics documents, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Orthopedics, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office's comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors. Before its final acceptance, please provide and upload the following important documents: Biostatistics Review Certificate, a statement affirming that the statistical review of the study was performed by a biomedical statistician; Institutional Review Board Approval Form or Document, the primary version (PDF) of the Institutional Review Board's official approval, prepared in the official language of the authors' country; Signed Informed Consent Form(s) or Document(s), the primary version (PDF) of the Informed Consent Form that has been signed by all subjects and investigators of the study, prepared in the official language of the authors' country; STROBE Statement, an important document related to manuscript writing of observational/case control/retrospective cohort studies. Before final acceptance, uniform presentation should be used for figures showing the same or similar contents; for example, "Figure 1 Pathological changes of atrophic gastritis after treatment. A: ...; B: ...; C: ...; D: ...; E: ...; F: ...; G: ...". Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be

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Many thanks for your kind comments. Our paper aligns with all mentioned guidelines and we added highlight section.

## **Authors' Response to Reviewer 1:**

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Reviewer #1:

**Scientific Quality:** Grade B (Very good)

**Language Quality:** Grade A (Priority publishing)

**Conclusion:** Minor revision

**Specific Comments to Authors:** what are the new hypothesis that this study proposed ?  
What are the new findings of this study ? what are the future directions of the topic described in this manuscript ?

Many thanks for your kind comments. We revised the introduction and discussion sections based on your brilliant comments.