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**Dear Editor,**

Thank you for your letter and for the comments concerning our manuscript titled “**Recently highlighted nutraceuticals for preventive management of osteoarthritis**” By **Silvia Ravalli, Marta Anna Szychlinska, Rosaria Maria Leonardi, Giuseppe Musumeci. Manuscript NO: 41828**. All changes made are marked in the text thanks to Track Change function. Now we are resubmitting our manuscript for your kind consideration for possible publication in **World Journal of Orthopedics**.

**Point by point reply**

**Reviewer 1**

The abstract is too shallow and could be presented with more in depth information

[Reply: As kindly suggested, we modified the text.](#)

Introduction: Forty-seven percent of people who suffer from the disease use alternative medications, including nutraceuticals... COMMENT: It is better to use the term ‘complementary’ rather than ‘alternative’.

[Reply. Correct recommendation, we changed the word.](#)

Furthermore, Ma et Al. demonstrated,... COMMENT: should be ‘Ma et al. ‘ Including a schematic figure would be helpful to confer the intended knowledge.

[Reply. We created a figure to explain better the concept \(Figure 3\).](#)

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The conclusion of the review should include a wrap up of the presented review article and not include references.

Reply. As kindly suggested, we modified the text and we removed the reference from the conclusion paragraph.

### Reviewer 2

The reviewer found some misspellings and font errors. The reviewer could not see some Greek characters and Units throughout the manuscript. For example, IL-1  $\beta$ , TNF- $\alpha$ , etc. Osteoarthritis>osteoarthritis (Title) Oariectomized>Ovariectomized OH-1>HO-1 PDMI>PMID (References) Please check the manuscript again.

Reply. We applied all these corrections throughout the whole text.



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Comments from reviewers are all valuable and very helpful for revising and improving the editing of our paper and for this reason we acknowledge the reviewers for the suggestions whereby the paper has improved considerably.

Thank you for your time and for considering our paper.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, enclosed in a thin black rectangular border. The signature appears to be 'G. Musumeci'.

Giuseppe Musumeci (on behalf of all authors).