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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Extracorporeal shock wave therapy in runners with a symptomatic heel spur

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Dear Editor,

We would like to thank Dr. Rompe for his comments and observations on our article [2].

Final conclusions certainly allow a better understanding of our article by the reader about the methods used in our study.

Anyway, about the comments on the references, there are some considerations to be taken into account. Firstly, if we look with more attention at the history besides the article, we can see that it was written in January 2005 and sent to the journal in February 2005. Hence, it was impossible to consider other papers published in 2005 in our article.

Secondly, we have agreed that we have not included in our references other very interesting articles on the subject; anyway, some other very exhaustive articles were included [1, 3]. These articles allow us to have a very interesting discussion about the use of low or high level of ESWT in the treatment of symptomatic heel spur. It should be considered that in a paper it is not necessary to include all the references of previously

published studies for the argument; otherwise, we should perform a literature review or a metanalysis and this was not the goal of our work. We have included only the references of previous articles that were effectively analysed by the author and useful to have a good level of discussion, and some very important conclusions were tried.

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