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Letter to the editor

Response of the editorial team to M. Goldzak's letter



The editors read your letter with great interest. You rightly questioned the pertinence and comprehensiveness of the references of an article. You also questioned the position of the journal OTSR-RCOT in the field international orthopedic surgery, which in your opinion seems to limit the promotion of French studies.

The original version of Thierry Bégué's article did not include, it is true, references to the studies of the Toulouse group that you mention. I can assure you that at no time during the review process did the reviewers or the editor managing the manuscript wish to ignore these studies. In order to comply to the guidelines for length of our journal, the authors reduced the list of references, and only kept those that were most pertinent to the topic. Because this was a technical note, the references were mainly technical. We are well aware of the important work by Utheza and his group in relation to calcaneal trauma, but we felt that these studies, which mainly concern classifications, were not directly related to the paper being presented.

Rest assured that the primary goal of OTSR-RCOT is to promote Francophone and specifically French orthopedic surgery. More than 70% of the articles published in the English translation come from

Francophone groups, and we feel the international distribution of our review, far from being a handicap for French authors, is, on the contrary, an advantage by making these studies more widely available.

The increase in the number of submissions, in the impact factor and in the number of downloads seems to support this editorial approach.

At the same time, we have made note of your remark and will be careful not to omit, when pertinent, French references.

Disclosure of interest

PB and JLB are editors of OTSR-RCOT.

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