

# Review of: "Influence of the length of the first and second metatarsal bone measured distal from Maestro line upon severity of hallux valgus deformity"

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The paper compared the influence of the length of the first and second metatarsal bone upon severity of hallux valgus deformity, which is a meaningful work. However, there are some minor revisions as follows.

1. I think it would be better to indicate the HVA, IMA and Maestro lines in Figure 1

2. Of the 319 patients observed, 316 were women. Could the male-to-female ratio have affected the results?

3. The sentence on page four: "In this study, measurements of the 1st and 2nd metatarsal bones were performed distal to the Maestro line..."

Does the method refer to the work of others? If so, it might be best to quote

4. The sentence on page four: "The severity of hallux valgus deformity was determined by the values of hallux valgus angle (HVA > 15) and intermetatarsal angle between the first and second MT bone (IMA > 9) and accordingly we formed three groups."

Could you please explain the choice of Angle size of HVA and IMA?

5. Is it better to use a line chart in Figure 2? First of all, we can see the change trend more obviously, and secondly, we can keep the format consistent with the following figure