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Dear Editor,

We express a great deal of gratitude for Katthagen et al. for their comments regarding our publication “The feasibility and results of an arthroscopic removal of locking plates and glenohumeral arthrolysis after proximal humeral fractures” published in the journal in February 2013.

We acknowledge the presence of prior articles cited in our paper that describe the technique [1, 4] but have unfortunately not been able to find the article mentioned in the letter prior to our publication.

After a closer inspection, we have been able to retrieve the article written in German mentioned and review its content [2]. Effectively, our publication is therefore not the first to review results of this technique as mentioned in the original article. We apologize for this unintentional omission.

Nevertheless, all available studies [1–4] confirm the importance and benefit of this technique, in one way or the other, over the conventional open removal technique.

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