



# Response to: Management of Traumatic Spinal Fracture in the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Situation

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Dear Sir,

We appreciate the letter regarding our manuscript titled “Management of traumatic spinal fracture in the coronavirus disease 2019 situation [1].” We thank the reader(s) for reading our article. Our reply to the comment is as follows:

Our reply: First of all, the authors wish to thank Dobran Mauro, Mancini Fabrizio, and Iacoangeli Maurizio for sharing the experience of the neurosurgical team working in the Emergency Regional Hospital of Ancona (Italy). In our review article [1], all authors intend to establish the prototype to help and protect the health care professionals. This algorithm must be revised or modified according to the updated knowledge of prevention, novel treatment, and laboratory testing technology for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). All the authors hope that the readers would use this algorithm as a prototype and modify/develop for a better protocol.

All authors agree with Dobran Mauro, Mancini Fabrizio, and Iacoangeli Maurizio that early surgery (<12 hours) is the best choice for patients with spinal cord injury [2]; however, currently, they believe that surgery within 24 hours may be a reasonable target because we need to

obtain the swab test result before starting surgery for all patients. All authors recommend that universal precautions should be taken in the surgical management of any patient during the COVID-19 outbreak crisis [3,4].

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