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Dear Editor,

We appreciate the thoughtful comments of Dr. S. Yadav in his Letter, and we are grateful for the opportunity to clarify the data reported in our systematic review [1].

Following his observations, we have carefully re-examined Table 4, which reports key parameters including the criteria for treatment selection, the surgical approach used, and patient outcomes. We acknowledge that the information from the study by Yadav et al. [2] was incorrectly marked as “not reported” for some variables (namely, the rationale for surgical intervention, the type of surgical approach, and the outcome measures) despite the fact that these details were clearly described in the original article.

We sincerely apologize to the authors for this oversight. Although we implemented a multi-step verification process to minimize errors during data collection and table compilation, this mistake slipped through our checks.

We are grateful to Dr. Yadav for highlighting this issue, which not only underscores the importance of accuracy in

scientific reporting but also serves as a valuable reminder that human error, while always a possibility even with meticulous review procedures, can ultimately become an opportunity for learning and improvement in the conduct of rigorous research.

Sincerely,
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Declarations

Human participants and informed consent The review did not involve human participants and/or animals. For this reason, no informed consent was collected. Informed consent was not required as the study was a systematic review and did not involve human participants directly.

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