Author's response to reviews

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Dear Editors!

We are pleased to submit the revision of the following paper for your consideration:

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We have addressed all of your comments in the revised manuscript and provide this cover letter giving a point-by-point response to the concerns. In addition, we have highlighted all changes made when revising the manuscript to make it easier for you Editors to give a prompt decision on this manuscript.

Comments:

Each of your comments are numbered in a consecutive way in bold letters. Our explanations are set point-by-point according to your comments followed by the relevant new text of the second revision in green. In addition, we used “Microsoft TrackChanges” in the revised version of the blinded manuscript.
Reviewer's report:

1: Well done to the authors! The english in this manuscript does not seem to flow smoothly.

Ad 1: Thank you very much. According to you suggestion we have improved the English of this manuscript with the help of a native speaker (Patrick Vavken, MD MSc, Children’s Hospital Boston, Harvard Medical School). Please find these changes highlighted in the revised manuscript using TrackChanges.

2: For example: For example - Page 7, end of the 1st paragraph - "These exclusion and inclusion criteria were equal for all patients of this study" reads okay on its own but does not fit well into paragraph.

Ad 2: We have changed this according to your suggestion.

Ad 2: Text: Patients with a minimum of 2 years clinical and radiological follow-up were included in this study. We excluded patients with acute fractures, trauma or revision arthroplasty from this analysis. These exclusion and inclusion criteria met all patients of this study.

3: I think it should be published after the manuscript is tidied up.

Ad 3: We have tidied up the manuscript. This corresponds to point number 1.

4: Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Ad 4: Thank you very much.
5: Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being Published

Ad 5: This corresponds to point number 1 and 3.

6: Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Ad 6: We have had statistical assistance.

Additional comments provided by the Associate Editor:

7: 'Based on reviewer's opinion, I think that the manuscript is acceptable for publication in the present form. However, copyediting is necessary.' However, before acceptance, we recommend that you copyedit the paper to improve the style of written English. If this is not possible, you may need to use a professional copyediting service. Examples are those provided by the Manuscript Presentation Service (www.biomedes.co.uk), International Science Editing (http://www.internationalscienceediting.com/) and English Manager Science Editing (http://www.sciencemanager.com/). BioMed Central has no first-hand experience of these companies and can take no responsibility for the quality of their service.

Ad 7: This corresponds to point number 1, 3 and 5. We have had assistance from a native speaker (Patrick Vavken, MD MSc, Children’s Hospital Boston, Harvard Medical School) and improved quality of this paper. Please find text changes highlighted in the revised manuscript using TrackChanges.

8: We would also request that you go through the manuscript formatting checklist one more time and ensure that your revised manuscript conforms to
all of the points.

Ad 8: According to you suggestion we have gone through the manuscript formatting checklist one more time so that the revised manuscript conforms to all of the crucial points. Therefore, we have made changes of the title page (Affiliations, and Author’s qualifications) and the revised manuscript (Affiliations, and Author’s qualifications) using TrackChanges.

With respect to these changes and comments, we sincerely hope that you will accept our manuscript for publication in *BMC musculoskeletal disorders* and we are looking forward to submitting our future work.

With kind regards,

the authors.