Reviewer’s report

Title: Closing-wedge high tibial osteotomy: survival and risk factor analysis at long-term follow up

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Reviewer: Anel M Abreu

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Major: None.
Minor: None.

Discretionary Reviosions:
1. A narrower age range would have been nice. Since as stated in the introduction, the best candidate for a HTO would be a young active patient. Perhaps the inclusion of the 70 year old patients was attempt to increase the numbers?
2. You describe the complications, but fail to attribute them to a specific patient...i.e. were the non-unions in the smokers, older patients? It would be nice to clarify.
3. A power analysis would have been nice. I believe the lack of finding significance in your pre-operative risk factors is due to the study being under-powered.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.