Author's response to reviews

Title: Do patients care about higher flexion in total knee arthroplasty? A randomized, controlled, double-blinded trial.

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Dear Editor-in-chief

We are pleased to submit our manuscript “Do patients care about higher flexion in total knee arthroplasty? A randomized, controlled, double-blinded trial.”

Previous studies have shown that high degrees of knee flexion can be achieved following total knee arthroplasty. Little information however can be found in the literature regarding the potential association between objective parameters such as range of motion and subjective parameters such as patient satisfaction and feel of the knee.

In this study we find that the use of a high-flex prosthesis results in a significantly increased flexion compared to a standard prosthesis. The increased flexion however, does not reflect on patient-derived parameters such as pain, patient satisfaction, the ability to perform activities of daily living and feel of the knee.

We find that this original article is highly relevant in the ongoing debate about the importance of achieving a pain free high range of motion on patient perceived outcome following total knee arthroplasty.

All authors were fully involved in the study and concur with the content in the final manuscript. The material within this manuscript has not been and will not be submitted for publication elsewhere. An IRB approval has been received.

We are looking forward to the editorial process.

Sincerely

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