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Title: Assessment of functional impairment after knee anterior cruciate ligament reconstruction using cardiorespiratory parameters: a cross-sectional study

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Dear Prof Harukazu Tohyama

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First of all, we would like to thank you for the opportunity given to us to resubmit our manuscript as well as for the very thorough and thoughtful comments provided by reviewers. We dedicated full time to perform all the revisions as fast, accurate, and complete as possible in order to contemplate the journal’s expectations for a timely publication. We believe that the revisions have significantly improved the manuscript and hope it is now suitable for publication in BMC Musculoskeletal disorders.

The Editor comments and our answers are as follows, and all changes in the manuscript were highlighted as it was recommended.

Title: Using cardiorespiratory parameters to assess functional impairment after knee anterior cruciate ligament reconstruction: a cross-sectional study should be Assessment of functional impairment after knee anterior cruciate ligament reconstruction using cardiorespiratory parameters: a cross-sectional study

Answer: The title has been changed as the editor indicates.

Abstract:
Background: It is still too long. The authors should shorten it.

Answer: Background has been summarized as suggested by editor.

Results: The authors should not use abbreviated words in the abstract.

Answer: All abbreviated words were excluded from abstract as suggested by editor.

Line 161-: For sample size calculation we used mean and SD values for HR and VE responses to exercise, extracted from similar previous studies, as it was recommended by Noordzij et al [17]. The authors should clearly show the exact values of mean and SD for HR and VE extracted from similar previous studies, which the authors used for sample size calculation in order to the readers can check their sample size calculation.

Answer: The exact values of mean and SD for HR and VE used for sample size calculation has been shown as suggested by editor.