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To the Editor of BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders

We thank you for reviewing our manuscript titled “Pertrochanteric fracture of the femur in the Finnish National Hospital Discharge Register: validity of diagnosis, procedural coding and external cause for injury”. Below we have addressed the comments given by the Editor and also highlighted the changed parts on the manuscript with yellow.

Yours Faithfully

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Editors comments:

Thank you for email and for revising your manuscript. Unfortunately, not all the requested formatting changes have been made, please address the following points:

1. Please revise your ethics information to read 'In Finland, register-based studies do not require the approval of ethics committee by legislation. However, all register studies that utilize any confidential medical information such as patient charts and radiographs, require an approval of the corresponding institution or hospital. These permissions were obtained from all hospitals that participated our study'.

   We have now formatted the first paragraph of ‘Methods’, and the ethics statement now states: “In Finland, register-based studies do not require the approval of ethics committee by legislation. However, all register studies that utilize any confidential medical information such as patient charts and radiographs, require an approval of the corresponding institution or hospital. These permissions were obtained from all hospitals that participated our study.”, as requested.