Author’s response to reviews

Title: No bias of ignored bilaterality when analysing the revision risk of knee prostheses: Analysis of a population based sample of 44,590 patients with 55,298 knee prostheses from the national Swedish Knee Arthroplasty Register

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PDF covering letter
Dear Editor.

Thank you for accepting our article in your journal

We are submitting the revised manuscript according to your guidelines.

Regarding our response to the comments of the reviewer we address each point separately:

Discretionary revisions

Problems with the title. 'Bilaterality can be ignored...' may be a too strong statement –

Title has been changed

Methods, last sentence on page 2: It would also be of interest to know the number of bilaterally operated patients with only one prosthesis revised

- The number has been added

Statistical methods: In my opinion, it may make the equations just as understandable if both patients and prostheses were indexed

- This does only seem to be a commentary we have made no change

Statistical methods, page 4, line 8: Xi will not necessarily be constant for a subject's bilateral events - the patient may for instance receive different prostheses in the right and left knee - We have deleted this sentence

Statistical methods, page 4, line 1: Here Zi may be interpreted as a set of .... Insert 'interpreted' - The sentence has been revised

Statistical methods, page 4, line 11: ... penalised likelihood method. Insert 'partial'

- We have inserted partial

Abstract, background line 5: ..., but the assumption is ...

- We do not understand the request and thus made no change

Background, line 4: ..., but the assumption is ...

- We do not understand the request and thus made no change

Methods, page 3, lines 1 and 4: Mean cumulative five-year revision risk .... Suggest that the word 'mean' is deleted

- The word mean has been deleted

Statistical methods: Suggest that the following of the last sentence is deleted: ...

- The sentence has been revised