**Author's response to reviews**

**Title:** Classifying health-related quality of life outcomes of total hip arthroplasty

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Dear Editor:

Thank you for your comments related to our submitted manuscript entitled, "Classifying health-related quality of life outcomes of total hip arthroplasty". I have attached a revised manuscript and you will find a detailed response to each comment below.

We appreciate your comments and have incorporated the suggestions to format the manuscript.

Sincerely,

Min Xu MB, M.Sc

* Minor revisions according to review's comments:
  1. Comments: First paragraph of statistical analysis, First sentence: suggest to replace "we try to [...]" by "we aim at [...]"
     Action: The sentence is changed into "we aim at building a linear model to explore the relationship between follow-up score and baseline score"
  2. Comments: At the end of the second sentence "Since the distribution [...]" I would call in the text Fig. 1 & Fig. 2.
     Action: Fig 1 & 2 is called into the text.

* Requested formatting changes:
  1. Title & Abstract - Please ensure these are identical in the manuscript and in the submission system.
     Action: We made sure that Title and Abstract are identical in the manuscript and in the submission system.
  2. Highlighting - Please remove any highlighting in bold from your manuscript text other than that used for section headings.
     Action: Highlighting in bold is removed from the manuscript text.
  3. References - References should be cited in the text using consecutive numbers in square brackets.
     Action: References are now cited in the text using consecutive numbers in square brackets.
  4. References - In the manuscript text, please place the reference before the full stop.
     Action: References are now placed before the full stop in the manuscript text.
  5. Figures - It is important for the final layout of the manuscript that the figures are cropped as closely as possible to minimise white space around the image.
     Action: Figures is now cropped as closely as possible.