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RE: Revision of Manuscript Based on Formatting Changes Requested  
“Modeling early recovery of physical function following hip and knee arthroplasty”

Enclosed please find our final revised manuscript for publication in BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders. As per the instructions, we have made the formatting changes requested and have detailed these changes below.

We have also reviewed the manuscript in its entirety re any additional typing or content errors. Two spelling corrections were made.

Yours sincerely,

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‘Footnotes—We are unable to accommodate footnotes in the full text version of the manuscript. We suggest that the footnotes are incorporated into the text of the manuscript.’

As advised, we removed the footnote and incorporated most of the detail directly into the text. The SARS footnote content was added to page 7 in the section on ‘Subjects’.

‘Competing Interests—Please write ‘The authors declare that they have no competing interests.’

This sentence was added on page 18.

‘Figure Title—The image file should not include the title or figure number…’

The Figure numbers were removed from the figure files.

‘Figures—It is important for the final layout of the manuscript that the figures are cropped as closely as possible to minimize white space around the image.’

Once the Figure titles were removed—the figures were moved up on the page. The figures are graphs created in SPSS and by clicking on them they can be copied or resized. Under each figure is a text box which contains some legend information. We were not able to adjust the graphs themselves as they are copied from SPSS.

Hopefully this will not be a problem—please advise if anything else is required.

Thank you.