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Dear Editorial Team,

Sorry about the delay in sending the revision. Staff email at the University of Manchester had been unavailable for the last ten days and I was unable to check on responses to suggestions I had given for corrections.

With regards to the ethical approval and consent:
The tissues collected fell under the provisions of The Human Tissue Act 1961 and The Anatomy Act 1984. These cover the collection of tissues at post mortem examination and their use for research. For this study the next of kin of the deceased gave consent for the post mortem examinations and were directly asked for consent for the removal of the knee joint for research at this time. Changes have been made to the manuscript to clarify the issue of consent.

The title has been changed to make it more specific to the findings of the study.

Yours sincerely,
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