Reviewer’s report

Title: Mid-term clinical results of primary total knee arthroplasty using metal block augmentation and stem extension in patients with rheumatoid arthritis

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I am happy with the changes done.

One comment: it is not necessary to give the same information twice, both in text and in a table. All text in lines 146-158 could be given in a table. The table should have 2 columns (apart from headings), one for preop values and beside that one for postop values. That would be much easier for a reader to understand and compare.

Otherwise a valuable contribution to the literature of TKA in severe damaged knees in patients with RA.

By the way - concerning inclusion of bilat cases: Ranstam, Robertsson (Acta Orthop 2010;81:10-14) have shown that survival rates are not or very little affected by bilateral cases. The Knee Society Score deals with one knee at a time and thus there is no influence of bilateral cases. On the other hand if using Knee Society Function Score you will have a serious influence from one knee to the other, but the authors did not used that score.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.