Author’s response to reviews

Title: Complications after non-surgical management of proximal humeral fractures: a systematic review of terms and definitions

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Dear Editor,

Thank you for considering our manuscript for publication after essential revisions. Please find below our point-to-point response to the reviewers’ comments and suggestions.

Reviewer 1:

‘One small thing: if the authors delaed with the problem so much then they may offer some solutions concretely. Yes, there must be a consensus about terms, but how? What do the authors offer?’

Answer:

We have added a section on future aspects by the end of the Discussion section:

Future aspects

To obtain consensus on terms and definitions we plan to apply a Delphi consensus process based on the findings from the systematic review. An international group of shoulder surgeons will independently assess and comment on the proposed terms and definitions through a series of online surveys. A core event set will be developed and further validated. A similar approach has
previously been applied to complications associated with arthroscopic rotator cuff tear repair[28].

Reviewer 2:

'Similar article was published by Jacxsens et al. (DOI: 10.1007/s00402-017-2635-9). However, in this article the focus was the study of the terms and definitions of shoulder arthroplasty complications.'

Answer:

The reference by Jacxsens et al. has been included. The last sentence in first section of the Discussion has been changed from:

A systematic reporting of complications and adverse events is needed for evidence-based suggestions for non-surgical management and for balanced decision-making.

to:

A systematic reporting of complications and adverse events is needed for evidence-based suggestions and balanced decision-making[47].

Sincerely,

Stig Brorson