Reviewer’s report

Title: A Potential Risk Factor of Total Knee Arthroplasty: An Infected Baker’s Cyst – A Case Report

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Reviewer: Wade Johnson

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This revision addresses the structural concerns of the previous review and more clearly discusses the importance of cyst evaluation in the setting of planned TKA.

Would make the following recommendations:

Case presentation:

page 3 Line 25: "Redness or focal heating was not observed around the mass and the patient had no general fever" Would change "focal heating" to a term like focal or local warmth. Heating is not a proper descriptor.

Discussion:

page 5 line 1-2: "even if the diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis and planned TKA, we wound not have considered evaluation of Baker's cyst infection" Would change to something like, "even with a diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis and planned TKA..."

page 5, line 25-26: Would update final line to say "detailed examination of a previously aspirated Baker's cyst that remains symptomatic, especially in the presence of altered blood tests, given the potential severity of complications if the cyst is infected"

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