Author’s response to reviews

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Dear reviewers,

In this letter we will comment on all your remarks. We hope our answers will be clear and sufficient. If there are any questions left, please do not hesitate to contact us by Email.

Kind Regards, Samuel Verhage

Editorial Comments:

1. We reviewed the total manuscript and changed all spelling throughout UK English. Even, we corrected some grammar problems through the complete manuscript.

2. All references to Tables and Figures are corrected with a capital ‘T’ of ‘F’.

3. All p-values are corrected to 3 decimal places.

4. If possible, all references to patients are changed in participants. Some references do in real refer to patients. That references couldn’t be changed and are still referred as patients.

5. All references are changed to JFAR-style.

Reviewer Report 1:

1. As stated above all spelling and grammar problems are changed according to UK English. We hope this will be acceptable.

2. The measurement of dorsiflexion is not a standardized technique. Although it is described some times before in international literature. Especially in the Olerud and Molander outcome score. No intra- and interobserver reliability is noted in former literature. The measurement was done by the one observer and could be a weakness in our study.

3. Open reduction en fixation were done by different (orthopaedic) traumasurgeons in one single center and could be a weakness in our study due to inter practioner differences. Up ton ow, this is not listed in our manuscript.