

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: WJO-revised.doc).

Title: Can tranexamic acid change preoperative anemia management during total joint arthroplasty?

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1) Format has been updated, with changes including:

- Addition of running title
- Addition of authors' affiliation
- Addition of authors' contributions
- Addition of corresponding author information
- Addition of core tip
- Addition of IRB
- Addition of informed consent
- Addition of clinical registry
- Addition of data set
- Editing of reference style superscript
- Addition of all authors for each reference
- Addition of comments section
- Addition of Pubmed ID / DOI for each reference
- Editing of figures to grey-scale format

2) Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers:

(1) Per reviewer 00467045

- Additional information added to elaborate on future studies in the conclusion section
- Grammatical revisions made, including spelling out words completely before using acronyms, substituting e.g for i.e, adding missing words, etc
- Figures edited to grey-scale format

(2) Per reviewer 02444697

- Additional information about why a power analysis was not performed was added in the discussion
- Additional details about specific surgical technique and type of implant used in the methods section as well as the discussion

(3) Per reviewer 02695138

- Grammatical revisions made, including spelling out words completely before using acronyms
- Details about the pain cocktail added to the methods; because it was felt that the pain cocktail would have a very limited effect on the overall blood loss and also was given to every patient, it was not directly addressed as a major variable in the discussion

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Orthopaedics*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Duy Phan', written in a cursive style.

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