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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Thank you very much for allowing me to review this article. It explores an interesting topic , that is persistent pain after TKA. Neuropathic pain in the infra-patellar are frequent after surgery but often resolves spontaneously. However sometimes pain persists and its managment is usually difficult. The authors report a series of 15 cases with good response to surgical procedure of a neuroma of nerve branch of the saphenous nerve. They results are encouraging. The article is really clear and very easy to read. I have only few specific comments: You propose surgery only after failure of the non surgical treatment. Your 15 operated patients represent what percentage of those having presented a symptomatology of nevroma? indeed, for how many patients had medical treatment been effective? I think this informatiion is important. In the discussion part you write "nine of our patients" in the description of Cendenen et al study. Maybe "their patients" ? However, this work is very interesting and will help clinicians to better understand pain persistance after TKA.