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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 20206-Review.doc).

Title: Current concepts in total femoral replacement

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

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

1. Title has been updated to “Current concepts in total femoral replacement” in order to better represent the content of the article.
2. As this was an invited minireview, a meta-analysis was not conducted. Instead, a thorough, qualitative review of available literature related to total femoral replacement was performed.
3. Although it represents a very important solution in salvage arthroplasty, total femoral replacement is a rare operation performed mainly by major academic centers. When addressing issues for which insufficient literature is currently available, the senior authors have provided their expert opinions. As per reviewer request, the text has been edited to place greater emphasis on the literature.
4. The sections have been reformatted as per reviewer request.
5. The importance of cost considerations associated with total femoral replacement has been discussed as per reviewer request.
6. The authors agree with reviewer that the terminology associated with total femoral replacement can be complex. Therefore, we have included in-text explanations for certain terms, such as Van Nes Rotationplasty.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

We thank the reviewers and editorial team for reviewing this article.

Sincerely,
The Authors