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Dear Yuan Qi and the Editorial Office for the World Journal of Orthopedics,

Thank you for your preliminary review of our observational study entitled “Technical Note: Anterior cruciate ligament reconstruction in the presence of an intramedullary (IM) femoral nail using anteromedial drilling” (**Manuscript NO.:** 30998). All changes to the manuscript file are clearly demarcated, either highlighted in yellow or clearly modified using track changes. Please let me know if there are any changes that ought to be made. I will ensure that they are addressed promptly.

Furthermore, an additional author has been added to this manuscript, and his position on the author list has been described where appropriate in the revised manuscript file that has been uploaded. For completeness, the updated author list is as follows:

*Matthew Lacey, Joseph Lamplot, Kempland C. Walley, Joseph P DeAngelis, Arun J Ramappa*

We are excited for the positive review, and have addressed the editor comments as follows.

EDITOR COMMENT: It is a good article but need some modification before publication. Most of the references are outdated, recent ones must be added.

→Thank you for this comment, it is important to highlight the most recent literature concerning this topic. Of interest, the clinical outcomes of transtibial (TT) and anteromedial (AM) drilling techniques for anterior cruciate ligament reconstruction in preparing the femoral tunnel were directly compared by using a June 2015 systematic literature review. These authors concluded that although the benefits were found in AMP versus TT in terms of outcome and function, these scores were below the minimal clinically important difference. As such this **systematic review** indicated that the AM was superior to the TT drilling technique based on physical examination and scoring system results. This sentiment has been included in our paper at Lines 183-192, and also briefly in the introduction lines 124 - 128. Additionally, two additional controlled

biomechanical studies have been cited that motivate the use of AMP drilling have been included in the text (ref: 12 and 13).

This manuscript has been read and approved by all authors, who confirm their representative, honest work. We confirm that this work is original and has not been published nor is it currently under consideration for publication elsewhere.

Thank you for your consideration of this manuscript.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arun J. Ramappa', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

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