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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear authors Thanks a lot for your interesting review of a novel approach for management of knee osteoarthritis. However, I think some real critics exist regarding the structure and contents of this manuscript. 1- It is not obvious that the manuscript is whether a narrative or systematic review. It seems that authors have used a search strategy for finding relevant studies, but they have not mentioned the key-words used and how they reviewed the results and how they excluded non-relevant articles in PRISMA flow diagram. Otherwise, the structure of the manuscript is not so similar to a comprehensive narrative review transferring the authors' experience in this field. 2- As the title shows authors aimed to do review on evidence & technique of fibular osteotomy. However, when reviewing the technical considerations they have only used one published article (Ref No. 6) and this is in contrast with the concept of review and it is not clear what additional value it has over the mentioned reference. 3- In the results section it has been mentioned that the clinical studies have investigated 483 knees. In table 1 the total number of cases is 535! 4- The manuscript did not follow a reasonable style to clearly explain the topic for readers. Regards