

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Good paper; simple; well documented. Just a few things from this reviewer. All p-values should be limited to 3 decimal points. This shows up in the Results section and Table 1. Why is race a variable in demographics? In this day of physician biases, it probably is inappropriate. The study is not about that. When it comes out to be no different as it does - why include it in the table?

## Response by the authors:

1. The p- values were corrected as requested.
2. The study is about cost to a healthcare system. Race and healthcare disparity affecting outcome and healthcare cost has been shown in numerous studies. Ignoring this well establish confounding variable will introduce bias in the data.

Here is a reference of a recently published review in JBJS:

Alvarez, Paul M. MD1; McKeon, John F. MD1; Spitzer, Andrew I. MD2; Krueger, Chad A. MD3; Pigott, Matthew MD1; Li, Mengnai MD, PhD1; Vajapey, Sravya P. MD, MBA1,a Race, Utilization, and Outcomes in Total Hip and Knee Arthroplasty, JBJS Reviews: March 2022 - Volume 10 - Issue 3 - e21.00161

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The Work seems to be a thorough study in the context and identified the financial risk in the different conditions. The metrics provide clear justification to the context.

Responds by the authors: thank you for your feedback