

Reviewer 1

Dear authors: Congratulations on your work, I would like to point out some areas for improvement: - You should indicate the acronyms at the beginning of the text and include all of them, as I have not located some of them, please check.

Answer: Thank you for your esteemed suggestion. We have attempted to include all the acronyms only at the beginning of the text.

In the conclusion section you should not put the limitation of the research, but at the end of the discussion section.

Answer: Thank you for your suggestion. The limitation of the research is placed at the end of the discussion section. The conclusion section starts with the line stating “Within the limitations”. We have now removed the beginning text of the conclusion to make it more direct.

From my point of view, you should remove the research question, as it is not necessary in this type of work, it seems more like a final thesis or similar...

Answer: Thank you for pointing it out, however, the PRISMA guideline suggests to provide with a research question in PICO format. If we can remove it, then please let us know and we will revise it accordingly.

The inclusion criteria should indicate a minimum criterion in the quality assessment scale of the articles (e.g. >7) and in the same way in the exclusion criteria (e.g. <7).

Answer: We have included a statement stating the aforementioned criterion as per your suggestion. Thank you again for this comment.

They should explain why they remove articles in languages other than English, they are not of quality because they are not in English ????.

Answer: We understand your concern about not including articles in other languages. We are very sorry about this deficiency due to the lack of translation services. The same is now included in the limitation of the review.

They should also look at whether the articles take into account preoperative pathology and risks in surgery..... Thank you for your effort, best regards.

Answer: The pre-operative characteristics are provided in the table and all the risks/outcomes have been assessed under complications like mortality (death), infections, deep vein thrombosis (DVT), pulmonary embolism, Genito-urinary complications, dislocation/ subluxation, fracture

Reviewer 2

1. Please change the title to be under 20 words, as this is one of the characteristics of a distinguished title.

Answer: The word Systematic review is omitted and the title now reads as “IMPACT OF BEING UNDERWEIGHT ON PERI-OPERATIVE AND POST-OPERATIVE OUTCOMES OF TOTAL KNEE OR HIP ARTHROPLASTY: A META-ANALYSIS”

2. The abstract is too long and should be shorter, with its results section containing only the most important results.

Answer: We have reduced the results section containing only the most important results. Thank you.

3. Make sure that the introduction was written using recent references, preferably from 2015 to the present.

Answer: We have made an attempt to change and include some recent references. Thank you for your valuable suggestion.

4. Ensure that the final paragraph of the introduction is dedicated to clarifying the study's purpose.

Answer: Thank you for your suggestion. We have added a sentence stating the current state of evidence available on the topic is debatable and no substantial evidence is available yet.

5. It is necessary to consider the use of coherent sentences in the material and methods section, rather than points followed by side dots as shown on the paper.

Answer: We have made an attempt to make the research question coherent by not detailing the PICO further as suggested by reviewer 1. The inclusion and exclusion criteria were provided with points to make the criteria clear to the readers.

6. In the results section, avoid using references.

Answer: Thank you for your comments. The reference provided in this section denotes which studies have which characteristics, and which studies were clubbed together to perform any qualitative and quantitative analysis. We feel the reference present in this section is now justified. It is also an obligation in most systematic reviews.

7. Ensure that the study's weaknesses, strengths, and future directions are available in the final paragraph of the discussion section.

Answer: Thank you for your suggestion. The limitations, strength and future directions and provided in the final paragraph. Thank you.

8. Rewrite the conclusion section to make it more relevant to the study's goal.

Answer: Thank you. We have attempted to rewrite the conclusion according the study's goal.

9. References should be updated as needed.

Answer: We have updated the reference based on relevance. Thank you.

10. Some typographical errors have appeared and must be corrected.

Answer: We have made a thorough check once again to avoid any typographical errors. Thank you.