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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 8520-edited.docx).

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

First of all I would like to thank the referee for his invaluable comments.

Critique 1: The article is too long.

Response 1: This is an invited paper and the letter of invitation expressly said there was no restriction on number of words, figures (color, B/W), tables, references. This is why I did not put any specific limit on these.

Critique 2: Some parts have not been summarized at the end.

Response 2: I agree. I made the necessary changes and summarized the parts at the end.

Critique 3: The evidence level of studies has not been stated.

Response 3: Quite right. The topics under the headlines other than miscellaneous studies are composed of evidence level 1 ve 2 studies. This piece of information was added to the abstract.

Critique 4: Studies rendering the same outcome should be grouped.

Response 4: The studies were analyzed in a chronological order. The subjects of post-op brace use, early restoration of rom, neuromuscular electrical stimulation were discussed both by year and grouped by outcome. Early approach regarding proprioception was analyzed and most studies reported positive outcomes. The subject of open/closed chain exercises and early strengthening was discussed as an overall versus early period comparison of CKC and OKC. The style does not tire the reader and cause confusion. This is why no change was made regarding this point of critique.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Orthopedics*.

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