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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 8773-review.doc).

Title: Dual Mobility Cups in Total Hip Arthroplasty

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

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer.

(1) We understand that implant cost may be of concern in some countries, however it's impossible to quantify exactly what is the implant cost in United States. The costs of joint implant constructs used for total hip arthroplasty vary widely and are major contributors to the variation in the total cost of care for patients undergoing total joint replacement in United States. The average implant cost per case ranged from \$2.392 to \$12.651 for total hip replacement procedures [1]. In a recent study Robinson et al [1] noted that the annual volume of hip replacements performed in the hospital, the concentration of implant purchases among a small number of vendors, and hospital bed size were only weakly associated with implant costs. They concluded that there is a wide variance in device costs that cannot be explained by patient characteristics. Approximately half of this variance is due to variance across hospitals and half is due to variance within hospitals. In our hospital we have the same price for all primary total hip implants.

1. Robinson JC, Pozen A, Tseng S, Bozic KJ. Variability in costs associated with total hip and knee replacement implants. *J Bone Joint Surg Am.* 2012 Sep 19; 94(18):1693-8.

3 References and typesetting were corrected.

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

Sincerely yours,

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