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Response to reviewers:

Dear Reviewers,

Thank you for taking the time to review our manuscript. We truly appreciate your feedback and suggestion to accept our manuscript. We agree with your statement that our study may be valuable in counseling our professional community and patients in regards to the value of increase utilization of TKA in minority and women populations. We went through the Guidelines and Requirements for Manuscript Revision as well as the Format for Manuscript Revision documents and updated our title page, abstract, and manuscript to reflect the accepted format for the journal.

Our team added statement sections on to the title page like author contributions, data sharing, open-access, and the ORCID numbers for all authors. This was updated to reflect the guidelines.

In addition, we went through our abstract to make sure we were in line with the word count for each section. We cut down sentences while making sure to keep the integrity of our information being presented. We also added a core tip section as well as an audio recording of our core tip that will be useful for potential readers.

Lastly, we added a research highlights section where we wrote about the background, motivation, objectives, methods, results, conclusions, and perspectives of our research that can be used for potential readers to read the most important information of the study without having to read the whole manuscript. This will be beneficial when readers are limited in time.

Again, we are greatly thankful for this opportunity and your positive review of our study and manuscript.

Best,

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