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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors reviewed five randomized controlled trials (RCTs) that compared the efficacy of arthroscopic partial meniscectomy (APM), with or without programmed exercise, to non-operative treatment for meniscal tears. They focused particularly on the results of selection bias and the effect of crossovers between the two groups. The authors concluded that each RCT had more or less selection bias, and that crossovers remain a significant problem in surgical RCTs. I completely agree with the authors' analysis and conclusions. In clinical trials, especially those including surgical intervention, randomization is too difficult and crossovers cannot be avoided. This paper was concise and well written. I recommend publication of their manuscript without revisions.