

Dear reviewers and Editors,

We appreciate your help and guidance in making our manuscript better, we have made the following changes as in response to your comments and questions as below:

Sincerely the co-authors,

Reviewer 1:

“This is a nice well-written retrospective article dealing with an important issue in relation with THR”

We thank the reviewer for their comment and review.

Reviewer 2:

1: L10: What does "mainly" refer to? Did you only include DM and PM or further diagnosis? We have deleted mainly to reflect that we only included patients with DM and PM.

2: Introduction: Well written, however little too long. I would recommend to shorten it about. We agree that the introduction was too long and have shortened significantly.

3: L83: "tend to" - this word already suggests that the results in the end can hardly be compared as authors already describe their interpretation of the literature without i.e. referring to a cochrane review / meta analysis. I think it would be much better to be absolutely precise as to the diagnosis.

We agree with the reviewer and have stated this more concisely without the “tend to”/