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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an excellent article on the topic. I would however raise three points: 1. I am unsure if the authors are recommending cemented or cementless THA for this condition - please clarify. 2. The authors discuss the use of core decompression in asymptomatic hip: 'Ten patients with asymptomatic hips at the time of surgical decompression went on to require THA; thirteen patients required THA in the symptomatic side. The authors found that the proportion of hips ultimately requiring THA were similar between the two groups.' Is this then to be recommended or avoided? 3. Could the authors further illustrate the components of a 'more conservative pre-operative transfusion approach'?