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Total knee arthroplasty and fractures of the tibial plateau

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In response to the peer-reviewers' comments, the following changes have been made to and highlighted in the revised manuscript that we present for publication.

1. The Schatzker Classification has been described and included on page 4 of our manuscript. Instead of describing a specific treatment strategy for each stage, we discuss the more general division of injuries into high and low energy, which we find to be more clinically relevant to our paper's discussion.
2. Page 10 more thoroughly discusses the question about timing of primary TKA for tibial plateau fractures. We believe that adequate time may be allowed for soft-tissue healing while keeping in mind the risks of immobilizing elderly patients and delaying management that will allow for early or immediate weight-bearing. We find that for this question, a table is not appropriate, as only three of the authors discussed this aspect of the question, and each of their data is discussed throughout the paper.
3. The comment regarding 11% infection rate being a "common" vs "uncommon" complication event has been revised on Page 5.

Thank you,

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