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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

1. There were 3 patients failed to receive the procedure due to technical difficulty within 3 attempts (Page 8, line 224). Regarding other 21 patients who achieved successful intra-articular positioning of the needle arthroscope, how many patients received 2 attempts? How many patients received only one attempt? 2. The authors collected NRS during the procedure, at discharge and during a control visit 2 weeks later. The median NRS at different time points showed significantly decrease with p value < 0.01 (Page 9, line 242-247). Please comment on clinically significant differences for significant differences. Harris JD, Brand JC, Cote MP, Faucett SC, Dhawan A. Research Pearls: The significances of Statistics and Perils of Pooling. Part 1: Clinical Versus Statistical Significance. *Arthroscopy*. 2017;33(6):1102-12. Specify the number of patients that met MCID or/and PASS for the PROMS. 3. Page 12 line 318-321. Since this study is not focused on learning curve of bedside needle arthroscopy, I suggest to move out of these 2 sentences so that this section only includes actual limitations of the study.