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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Thank you for the invitation of this interesting study. This study aimed to develop a weighted algorithm for assessing the academic productivity across 178 available orthopaedic programs in US. In my opinion, this study seems to be an improved version from the authors' previous study. However, a few questions regarding to the calculation method and the usefulness of this algorithm should be addressed as followed; 1. Did one department have more than one program? If yes, would the score calculated by this algorithm make it differently between programs? 2. By measuring the academic productivity with this weighted algorithm, the authors could identify which department having good funding, numerous highly and renowned scholars, and many publications. However, does it interpret the quality of publications or its usefulness in the way of best research quality? 3. Does this algorithm have an effective tool for assessment the quality of training program? 4. Due to the methodology for only US programs, please discuss on how to use this algorithm in different countries?