

Reviewer #1:

**Scientific Quality:** Grade B (Very good)

**Language Quality:** Grade A (Priority publishing)

**Conclusion:** Minor revision

Comment	Page	Response
1. Please consider further explaining the <b>impact of physical exercises on pain and functional status</b> among your patients, as elderly individuals are often suffering of a multitude of comorbidities, and many times, pharmacologic treatment is not available to them.	8	Thank you for the great input, we have added into the discussion.
2. In the Results section, please take into account being more specific in naming the type of hypertension.	7	Thank you for the suggestion to improve, however, the data collected were recorded based on general hypertension.
3. In the Discussions section, please consider using “undertook self-management” instead of “did take self-management”.	7	Thank you for the great word of choice suggestion, we have amended accordingly.
4. In the Discussion section, line 9 – please use “was significantly poor” instead of “had significantly poor”.	8	Thank you for the suggestion, the sentence has now been amended.
5. In the Discussion section, line 15, the meaning of “positive for COVID-19 after a certain period of time, such as seven weeks or more” is not sufficiently clear. Consider using “if the patient priorly tested positive for	8	Thank you for the suggestion, we have amended accordingly.

COVID-19, with a certain period of time having passed, such as seven weeks or more.”		
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Reviewer #2:

**Scientific Quality:** Grade C (Good)

**Language Quality:** Grade B (Minor language polishing)

**Conclusion:** Minor revision

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1) It is not clear to me why the authors fulfil the ARRIVE guidelines format, which is for studies involving animals. Here, the authors did not use animals. This part should be deleted.	-	We are sorry on the submission of unnecessary file; it was done because the website required ARRIVE file in order to proceed for submission. We will remove it since it is not related.
2) In the introduction, the authors could briefly explain that OA is whole joint disease, involving all joint tissues.	4	Thank you for suggesting these helpful ideas, we have added the information.
3) It could be also added that severe knee OA is associated with pain.	4	
4) Section 2.1: exclusion criteria are not reported.	5	Thank you for pointing out this, we apologize for the overlook, and have now added into the paragraph.
5) Figure 1: decimal point should be used instead of decimal comma. Description of Y-axis should be added.	11	Thank you for the reminder, this helped us to improve the graph.
6) in the results, the authors reported “In physical function, shopping appeared to be the most challenging task with 68% unable to	7	Thank you for highlighting the confused phrase, we are sorry for the wrong word

perform, followed by food preparation (38%) and laundry (22%) respectively". Is this part the physical function, components of Lawton?		choices. We have now replaced it with the objective of assessment for clarity.
7) "Additionally, patient education via remote telecommunication consultation were also recommended". English should be checked.	8	Sorry for the confusing sentence arrangement, we have rephrased it.
8) The authors should discuss that they did not find a significant association between waiting time for TKA surgery and poor physical function or frailty.	9	Thank you for constructive comment, we have added this into the discussion.
9) "This study emphasized that older patients aged 50 and above were disproportionately impacted by the postponement of TKA procedures due to the COVID-19 pandemic." Why "disproportionately"?	9	Thank you for pointing out the inappropriate word of choice, we have now amended.
10) conclusions should be revised reporting that the authors did not find a significant association between waiting time for TKA surgery and poor physical function or frailty.	9	Really appreciate your highlighting of this issue, we have now added the statement in the conclusion.