

## Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

May 30, 2015



Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 17192-edited).

**Title:** Minimally Invasive Knee Arthroplasty: An Overview

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**Name of Journal:** *World Journal of Orthopaedics*

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 The first reviewer suggested that the paper might be better as an editorial. We would leave this up to the editorial board but have set the paper up as a mini review as suggested by your email of May 18, 2015.

2 The second reviewer requested a section on the results and benefits of the MIS operations and we have added a section to the paper on that topic.

3. The third reviewer made several suggestions and we have addressed all of them in the revised paper. We believe that some of the criticisms are unjustified but we have addressed all of them in this manuscript.

- a. We have changed the title of the paper to Minimally Invasive Knee Arthroplasty: An Overview.
- b. of ignoring the early UKA designers. The paper is about MIS and not about UKA and TKA.
- c. We have restructured the sections in the paper as was suggested and we removed the section on patient selection.
- d. We removed the section entitled "UKA."
- e. We further clarified the section on UKA and referred to other authors who contributed before John Repicci and added more references. We disagree with this criticism but have addressed it and changed the paper.
- f. We added another Figure (1A) to clarify the incision. We felt that the other figures were adequate without asking to have all of them drawn by an artist.
- g. We changed the wording concerning techniques and approaches.
- h. The surgical procedure summary was removed from the paper.
- i. We eliminated the entire section that originally included the "BMI" designation.

4. References and typesetting were corrected

Sincerely,

Alfred J. Tria, Jr., MD