PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS
This interesting and well-written study presents a review of returning to work after three different shoulder surgeries which are indicated in the treatment of different shoulder pathology, as well as for different age groups. However there are some flaws. The methodology used is not clear, although it is mentioned in the text it was carried out according to the PRISMA instructions. For example, the online search with the keywords used cannot be reproduced. How many studies were initially evaluated and how many were excluded and why. The flow diagram will therefore need to be revised.
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS
The authors compared the probability of patients returning to work after three types of shoulder arthroplasty, including total shoulder arthroplasty (TSA), reverse total shoulder arthroplasty (rTSA), and shoulder hemiarthroplasty (HA). This is a very interesting entry point and an indicator of postoperative shoulder arthroplasty that is of interest to many patients. They found that TSA seems to be the best of the three. They also found that the intensity of the work affected the probability of the patient returning to work. This study can inform clinicians when making surgical choices and encouraged more comparative studies to evaluate the differences between the three treatment methods. I have some comments for this work as follows. 1. The background section needs to be expanded and is too brief. The historical course, and changes in shoulder replacement surgery should be added. 2. As a systematic review, the authors should write clearly the inclusion indicators as well as baseline information when describing the methodology, especially when there are more comparative indicators. 3. The inclusion process needs to be mentioned in the methodology, including the total number of articles, the number of articles retrieved in each database, how the screening was performed, and a statement of the relevant exclusion criteria. 4. The authors selected the keywords in different databases, is this leading to partial omission of literature? The authors need to explain accordingly or provide a more detailed search strategy 5. The article includes literature of low Evidence levels and high heterogeneity, and the limitations of the article need to be mentioned in the discussion section, as well as guidance for future research directions.
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS
Good work.