

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 18247-review.doc).

Title: Editorial: Arthroscopic approach to the posterior compartment of the knee using a posterior transseptal portal

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The manuscript was revised according to reviewer. Figure 6 has been changed to other photo because an original figure is same as the one which I previously published in Japanese paper. All the changes were shown in red color in the manuscript. The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers

- 1) Answer to the reviewer 02705018: Thank you for your approval for publication.
- 2) Answer to the reviewer 02705968: Thank you for your approval for publication
- 3) Answer to the reviewer 03065412: Thank you for your useful comments. As you mentioned, the transseptal portal does not need direct skin incision, but accessed via the posteromedial or posterolateral portal. I am sorry but I do not understand what I should amend. Thank you for your suggestion. I added "is" in the sentence "as the septum very elastic and easily..... (line 10 on page 11)".
- 4) Answer to the reviewer 02705804: Thank you for your useful comments. The purpose of the study is included on line 9-11 in page 3 in the Abstract section. In the Core tip section, we included the sentence "Arthroscopic surgery in posterior compartment of the knee via the transseptal portal is less invasive to the patient compared to open surgery for access to the back of the knee." Last part of the "Establishment of the transseptal portal" section "Arthroscopic surgeries via transseptal portal.....prosthetic knee" is moved to the Introduction section on line 4-10 in page 5. Subheading was changed to "Our experience of the technique" as you suggested. In Conclusion section, we changed first sentence to "An arthroscopic approach via a transseptal portal for posterior lesions of the knee confers several advantages upon patients and operators, including less invasive technique compared to the open surgery for access to the back of the knee."

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Orthopedics*.

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