Reply to “recurrent dislocation is different from habitual dislocation of patella”

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Dear Sir,

We have carefully evaluated the comments and reviewed the references accordingly [1]. The habitual dislocation and recurrent dislocation are two types of patellar dislocation [2–4], but Arendt [5] reported that in both recurrent and habitual dislocation of the patella soft tissue anomalies and bony abnormalities can occur. Repair or reconstructive procedures to restore this medial constraint is considered paramount in any procedure to stabilize the patella against subsequent dislocations. Joo et al. [6] also agreed with this viewpoint.

In our article, we have described the advancement and scientific aspects of the technology in detail. Both recurrent and habitual dislocation of the patella can be treated by the technique of medial patella retinaculoplasty. Actually, we chose both habitual dislocation and recurrent dislocation patients for this study, and the results were satisfactory, but in this article we just reported the recurrent dislocation patients.

We do wrongly use the term “habitual dislocation”. It was a clerical error to describe “habitual dislocation” in the title section and some other sections.

I apologize for this clerical error. We will draw lessons from this mistake, and maintain a rigorous scientific attitude.

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