Letter to the editor on 'Modified anatomical posterolateral corner reconstruction of the knee using combined fibula-and tibia-based anatomic reconstruction with tibial posterior cortical fixation using a titanium staple'

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Dear Editor, I have read with interest the article published by El Sayed Elforse entitled 'Modified anatomical posterolateral corner reconstruction of the knee using combined fibula-and tibia-based anatomic reconstruction with tibial posterior cortical fixation using a titanium staple' [1]; however, I found some issues in need for clarification by the author.

The author elegantly reported his results of adopting a modified technique for managing chronic posterolateral corner (PLC) injuries; however, there was a discrepancy regarding the period of the study; in the abstract, it was stated that the study was carried out between August 2016 and July 2018, while in the patients and methods section, the study period was stated between August 2019 and July 2021.

The author reported performing side-to-side difference in varus stress radiographs to indicate the lateral opening; however, in the mentioned, the author measured the lateral opening of the left knee, which is obviously wider than the right side, however, in the postoperative radiograph he included a radiograph of an operated right knee.

All patients included in the study had concomitant injuries, either cruciate ligament injuries, chondral injuries, or meniscal injuries; the author reported applying a single rehabilitation protocol for all patients; however, some authors advised individualizing the rehabilitation protocol according to the injury types and the reconstruction performed [2,3]. What was the rationale for applying the same rehabilitation protocol?

Finally, relying only on tibial fixation by a titanium staple application does not guarantee the long-lasting stability of this kind of reconstruction, which is a significant drawback of the technique.

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