LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Comparison of primary total hip replacements performed with a direct anterior approach versus the standard lateral approach: perioperative findings

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Sir,

We read with interest the article entitled "Comparison of primary total hip replacements performed with a direct anterior approach versus the standard lateral approach: perioperative findings" by Alecci et al. [1] and congratulate the authors for this excellent study. However, there are some concerns:

- 1. The authors have not stated whether all the replacements were cemented, uncemented, or both, as minimally invasive surgery is more suited for uncemented [2].
- 2. The authors have also overlooked the difference in rehabilitation time after surgery or analgesic requirements between the two groups.

It would be helpful if the authors elaborated on the above-mentioned concerns.

Conflict of interest There is no conflict of interest for this work.

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