

April 19, 2018

Dear Dr. DSouza,

We appreciate the helpful comments provided by yourself and the Reviewers for our invited manuscript entitled “Using a knee arthrometer to evaluate tissue-specific contribution to knee flexion contracture in the rat”.

Following our revisions, we believe that this article presents a novel, reproducible, and objective method for measuring knee range of motion in the rat and will be helpful for any laboratory that is interested in studying joint contractures. The appropriate ethics approval was obtained for the described methods, the submitted manuscript has been approved by all authors and we agree to bear any applicable publication charges. We trust that this study will be of interest to the many researchers who follow *JoVE*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Mark" is written with a large, stylized 'M' and the last name "Campbell" follows in a similar cursive script. The signature is positioned above the printed name.

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