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Dear Editor:

I wish to submit a research article for publication in *The BMJ*, titled “Fixation of Anatomically Designed Cementless Stems in Total Hip Arthroplasty.” The paper was coauthored by [redacted].

The press-fit and outcomes of total hip arthroplasty (THA) using Anatomic Fiber Metal plus stem have been reported to be good for primary osteoarthritis in Caucasian patients; however, data on outcomes of THA using this stem in Japanese patients are limited. Therefore, we evaluated the outcomes of cementless THA using this stem and the possible effects of the quality of metaphyseal fit on outcomes in a Japanese population. We believe that our study makes a significant contribution to the literature because it reveals that the quality of metaphyseal fit does not affect the outcomes of biological fixation in this population. We report that no revision of the stem was required in any case, suggesting that the biological fixation of this stem is good for 8 to 12 years after surgery in Japanese as well as Caucasian patients.

Further, we believe that this paper will be of interest to the readership of your journal because it is only the second study to evaluate metaphyseal fit, and the first to address this in Japanese patients.

Please consider, as potential referees, [redacted].

[This manuscript has not been published or presented elsewhere in part or in entirety and is not under consideration by another journal. All study participants provided informed consent, and the study design was approved by the appropriate ethics review board.] We have read and understood your journal’s policies, and we believe that neither the manuscript nor the study violates any of these. There are no conflicts of interest to declare.

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