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Death and hip replacement

Dear Sir,

I greatly enjoyed issue 4 of *Bone & Joint*³⁶⁰. I believe the rather alarming article: “Cemented hip replacement might be bad for your health”, on page 10^{1,2} has certain methodological issues. Perhaps you could ask a senior researcher to comment on the article? I blogged about some of my own thoughts about the methodology: <http://gforge.se/2012/08/killer-implants/>

There have also been some interesting responses to the article: <http://www.bmj.com/content/344/bmj.e3319?tab=responses>

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P.S. Could you consider reporting years instead of months? In the “Single bundle? Double bundle? Which is best?” on page 13^{3,4} the mean follow-up was 51.15 months. My tired brain takes some time to recalculate this into 4 ¼ years.

Editor-in-Chief's comment: Thanks so much for these views Dr Gordon. All are duly noted and we rather agree with your opinion about the difficulty of understanding 51.15 months. This was, of course, how the original authors presented their data. For simplicity, our mathematically astute readers will be aware that 51.15 months is actually 4.29166667 years.

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