Background: Total knee arthroplasty (TKA) is the gold-standard treatment for end-stage knee osteoarthritis (OA). An increase in the prevalence of primary and revision TKA is projected due to aging of the population, increase in the obesity and OA prevalence, patients’ quality of life perceptions and primary TKA procedures. Although TKA reliably improves pain and function; gait ability and function are still low compared to normal levels [1]. It is important to understand the prognosis to decide to undergo a rTKA (revision total knee arthroplasty) or enhance treatment protocols [2].

Objectives: The aims of the study is to compare the functional results of primary and revision TKA.

Methods: Hospital Of Special Surgery knee score (HSS), The Figure-Of-8 Walk Test (fFST), The Modified Four Step Square Test (mFSST) and the 3-Meter Backwards Walk Test (3MBWT) were used for function assessment.

Table 1. Characteristics of the patients

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<td>Female</td>
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<td>Male</td>
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Table 2. Functional Performances Of The Patients

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<td>mFSST</td>
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Conclusion: Functional status, fall risk, balance and walking skills of the rTKA patients were lower and had more fall risk than the patients with TKA. These may be due to the recurrent incision of soft tissues causing a loss of more mechanoreceptors and a greater impairment of proprioception. These findings can help clinicians to make a more informed decision for both primary and revision procedures [3].

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AB0082

RELIABILITY OF THE MODIFIED FOUR SQUARE STEP TEST IN PATIENTS WITH REVISION TOTAL KNEE ARTHROPLASTY

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Background: Patients with total knee arthroplasty (TKA) often experience pain and reduced balance control, which may predispose them to greater fall risk. The patients with revision total knee arthroplasty (rTKA), have more pain, stiffness and physical dysfunction and less postoperative improvement compared to the patients with TKA [1]. Falls in people with gait or balance disorders have significant consequences. Fear of falling can also predispose people to inactivity, which can lead to problems of debilitation, increased handicap, and disability [2]. The patients performed trials for 3MBWT twice on the same day. Between the trials, patients waited for an hour on sitting position to prevent fatigue.

Results: The 3MBWT showed an excellent test-retest reliability. Intraclass correlation coefficient ICC for 3MBWT was 0.97. The standard error of measurement and MCID at the 95% confidence limits for 3MBWT were 1.08 and 2.99 respectively.

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Objectives: The purposes of this study were to determine the test-retest reliability and the minimal clinically important difference (MCID) of the 3MBWT in patients with rTKA.

Methods: Twenty-two patients with rTKA, operated on by the same surgeon, were included. For the 3MBWT, a distance of 3 meters was marked with tape and participants were asked to align their heels with the black tape. They were instructed to walk backwards as quickly. Patients performed trials for 3MBWT twice on the same day. Between the trials, patients waited for an hour on sitting position to prevent fatigue.

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