#### **Additional File 1**

# Variation in rehabilitation setting after uncomplicated total knee or hip arthroplasty: a call for evidence-based guidelines

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## Description of how complications were defined to determine who was excluded

Using the validated Clavien-Dindo (CD)<sup>1</sup> surgical complication classification system, we defined a significant complication as CD Grade 3 or above, i.e., requiring surgical management or being life threatening, e.g revision surgery or myocardial infarction. We also included in our definition of significant complications those complications or events that did not meet the CD Grade 3 criteria but were considered to potentially influence the rehabilitation pathway or participation in rehabilitation, e.g., deep vein thrombosis or motor neuropraxia.

#### References

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