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The Editor In-Chief,

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Dear Sir,

**SUBMISSION OF ORIGINAL RESEARCH ARTICLE**

I hereby submit a research report entitled: **“Predictors of treatment outcomes following pyrocarbon proximal interphalangeal joint arthroplasty”** for publication in your widely read and peer- reviewed journal. The manuscript has not been published or been considered for publication elsewhere.

All four authors have agreed to have the paper publish in South African Journal of Occupational Therapy.

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Many thanks in anticipation of the processing of the manuscript for review and subsequent consideration for publication.

Kind regards.



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