Authors' reply to Das

We thank Dr Das for his careful reading of our article and description of some recent findings on the role of glucosamine and human hyaluronidase-related gene in the management of osteoarthritis with hyaluronic acid.

According to our experience (about 6,000 injection cases per year), the major factor that influences the outcome of management is the *severity of the osteoarthritic knee* (the more advanced the osteoarthritic knee, the

higher the failure rate). We agree that further studies are needed to explore the failure of hyaluronic acid in the treatment of knee osteoarthritis.

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