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The abstract should be no more than **250 words**, excluding headings, and **should contain no figures/tables or references**. This is to conform to the format for electronic publication in The Bone and Joint Journal.

Title and authors in size 12 bold Helvetica font and the content in size 11 Helvetica fonts, <u>single line spacing only</u>, no text boxes or borders.

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