

### **Additional file 3: Procedures for obtaining strength**

For hip abduction strength testing, the dynamometer axis was arranged to centre on the hip joint. Participants were positioned in a side-lying position at a neutral angle (0° flexion, abduction, rotation) <sup>[1]</sup>. The testing protocol included three sub-maximal practice movements, similar to previous hip abduction strength testing protocols used in PFP <sup>[2]</sup>. Participants were then asked to perform five maximal effort movements from 0-30° hip abduction at a speed of 30°/s in accordance with the normative data <sup>[3]</sup>. The participant was verbally encouraged to push away and towards the pad during testing <sup>[4]</sup>. The effect of gravity on torque data was adjusted for by weighing the limb prior to each trial allowing automatic calculation. For knee extensor strength testing, participants were positioned in sitting with the knee at 90° flexion and the dynamometer axis arranged to the centre of the knee joint. The angle of testing was between 0-90° at a speed of 60°/s. The same testing regime was used as for hip abduction.

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