Reviewer's report

Title: Patient-related information asymmetry disrupts pre-anaesthetic patient briefing: a prospective observational study

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Schnoor et al demonstrated that disruptions during pre-anaesthetic patient briefings that were caused by patient-related information asymmetry are common and account for a significant loss of time by prospective observational study. This paper has the following problems.

1 Some typological errors in Text and Tables.
2 “Disruption” is more clearly and definitely defined.
3 Discussion about disruption by IT is interesting but findings by previous studies about IT in hospitals are missing.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.