Reviewer's report

Title: An internist's role in perioperative medicine: a survey of surgeons' opinions.

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General

At the bottom of page 4, the authors state: "Postoperatively, only 19% feel that the internist should follow the patient daily while 50% disagree with this. Fifty percent feel the internist should see the patient postoperatively only if called to review." The very next statement (page 5) says, "A majority feel that the internist should adjust medications (eg. insulin, anti-hypertensive pills) postoperatively." These two statements would seem to completely contradict each other and need to be clarified.

 Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

 Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

 Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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.

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interests.