Reviewer's report

Title: What do we tell patients about elective total hip replacement in the UK? An analysis of patient literature.

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Compulsory revisions
Comment 1: This is a well written article, which highlights the issues around written patient information materials in one speciality.
Comment 2: Page 2 - The term 'hip literature' would benefit from having examples e.g. patient information leaflets, since this would be a term that is more relevant to patients and staff in every day practice.
Comments 3: Page 6 - How was the readability of the leaflets assessed in this study?
Comment 4: The discussion section would benefit from more synthesis with the existing literature relating to the development, quality and evaluation of leaflets generally. Perhaps it could be emphasised that the issues found in this study are also evident in many other specialities. There are many publications which have raised similar issues and shown that the quality of written patient information is often poor, both nationally and internationally.
Comment 5: Some specific recommendations for improving practice in the development of leaflets would be valuable.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests