Reviewer's report

Title: Enhancing the Quality of International Orthopedic Medical Mission Trips Using The Blue Distinction Criteria for Knee and Hip Replacement Centers

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This is an interesting study. The main issue is that lack of information about the study methodology. This makes it difficult to assess the methodological quality of the paper.

Major compulsory revisions.
1. What were the study procedures?
2. How was the data collected?
3. What were the data sources for each of the study categories?
4. Who collected the data? Could they have been conflicted or biased in how they collected or interpreted responses. How did the investigators ensure that bias was minimized?
5. How much variation might one expect around the measures examined?
6. Given this is a scientific paper, what are potential limitations of the studies? This should be added to the discussion.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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.