Reviewer's report

Title: Hemiarthroplasties in young patients with osteonecrosis or a tumour of the proximal femur; an observational cohort study

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Reviewer: William C Eward

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I would like to commend the authors for addressing our required changes and substantially improving their manuscript. This topic is compelling and I believe their report makes a significant contribution to the literature.

As an aside, I would like apologize for any offense that I may have caused by my critique of their written English. Most assuredly, their grasp of English is far better than my grasp of either other language that I speak. The idea that an American reviewer would be criticizing the language skills of a Dutch author is not without irony! However, this did improve the readability of the manuscript substantially and their efforts are appreciated.

I have made several small suggested changes (Discretionary Revisions) in the attached document. I do not have any compulsory or essential revisions at this time.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest 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.