Reviewer’s report

Title: Factors affecting aseptic loosening of 4750 total hip arthroplasties: multivariate survival analysis.

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Reviewer: Richie Gill

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General

The revision has addressed the main concerns I had with the original manuscript, I still think the abstract could be made clearer, but that is a language issue. There are other small language issues that still need to be addressed.

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

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

in the abstract last paragraph:

a lower cost prosthesis is associate with a higher risk

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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

Declaration of competing interests:

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