Reviewer's report

**Title:** Effectiveness of accelerated perioperative care and rehabilitation intervention compared to current intervention after hip and knee arthroplasty A before-after trial of 247 patients with a 3-month follow-up

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**Reviewer:** Henrik Husted

**Reviewer's report:**

The article has been successfully revised.

However, I still have a few questions (discretionary revisions):

- page 6 and 10: in the power calculation a minimal difference of 1.5 days was chosen - but patients were only assessed for discharge once daily? And: discharge was intended on the 4th day (patients were informed) if fulfilling the discharge criteria - what about patients fulfilling the discharge criteria earlier? Were they indeed discharged before the 4th day? If not, the ultimate potential of this accelerated track had not been reached.

I recommend publication.

**What next?:** Accept after discretionary revisions

**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'