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Reviewer's report:

I thank the authors for responding to my constructive suggestions. The manuscript is significantly improved. I do have some constructive suggestions once again.

-Abstract, pg. 2, Results: I believe that the percentage for the two neurological injuries is incorrect. The authors state 2% when I believe this should be 1%.

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-Page 4, par. 2, line 2: Did the two independent investigators (ASV, JFL) categorize the radiographs into those that were possibly, probably or definitely loose using the criteria of Harris et al? If so, this might be useful information to include.

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-Page 7, par. 1: The authors might want to suggest that a national joint replacement registry would be a useful tool to compare outcomes for high volume and low volume community hospitals as well as academic centres.

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Overall Assessment: I think that this paper is substantially improved and would recommend consideration for publication.