Reviewer's report

Title: Surgeons' beliefs and perceptions about removal of orthopaedic implants

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The manuscript is much clearer in presentation. The authors have succinctly addressed my issues. I have the following minor comments:

1. In the introduction it would be important to comment that there are risks of implant removal including nerve damage and re-fracture. As well, there is the expense and the inconvenience and risks of hospitalization.

2. On page 10, second paragraph, the authors state that removing elastic stable intramedullary nails (ESIN) may, at least, comply with “international consensus”. I don’t believe that they can state there is consensus on this point, even given the higher agreement among the group.

3. The authors still need to state that how people respond on the survey may not relate to their actual behaviour in clinical practice.

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.