Reviewer's report

Title: Time-Action Analysis (TAA) of the Surgical Technique Implanting the Collum Femoris Preserving (CFP) Hip Arthroplasty TAASTIC trial Identifying pitfalls during the learning curve of surgeons participating in a subsequent randomized controlled trial (An observational study)

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This protocol addresses and important issue in surgical trials. It is well written, informative, thorough, and interesting. It would be worthwhile to have this information in the public domain.

Minor essential revision

For the purpose of replicating the design, more clarity is needed on the PxC rule (2nd to last paragraph in section on sample size) and how exactly it was used to reach the sample size of 20.

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