Reviewer's report

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I am happy that the manuscript has been revised satisfactorily for publication. However, the issue of ethics does need a very clear statement. As the paper directly quotes patients, the authors must really make a clear statement. Currently it says that "Permission was granted to carry out these detailed evaluations from the relevant hospital boards". This needs clarification, as two out of the three services do not operate from Hospitals therefore it is unclear how/who permission was gained. If the Journal is to publish direct quotes from patients the nature of the permission is really important.