Reviewer's report

Title: Informed Consent Practices for Surgical Care at University Teaching Hospitals; a case in a low resource setting

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The authors have assessed the practice of informed consent among doctors in Uganda. This audit is essential to challenge and the practice of informed consent in the setting.

A major factor that will affect the outlook of this study and the implication of its result is the population studied. The authors included many junior doctors among who are interns. It is difficult to justify this seeing that they set out to evaluate "surgeons" They also defined surgeons as any doctor who routinely perform surgical procedures. It is doubtful if interns fulfill this criteria.

I am not sure of their result will be significantly altered if these interns are excluded. Their responses can be analysed and presented separately.

It would actually be more robust to crosstabulate the responses with the cadre of doctors interviewed to see how much influence their experience had on the practice.

The authors should please pay attention to the few typographical and grammatical errors in the manuscript.

Thank you

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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