Reviewer's report

Title: Ethical challenges in surgery as narrated by practicing surgeons

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Reviewer: Kathleen M Oberle

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General
I found this article very well constructed, interesting and informative. The method was sound and the results flow logically from the analysis. The discussion is excellent in that it situated the findings in the context of the existing literature and current understandings of the role of the surgeon. All my previous concerns have been addressed. The authors have done an admirable job of revising the literature review and making the needed editorial revisions. My previous questions about the use of field notes have been answered.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

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What next?: Accept without revision

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.