Reviewer’s report

Title: Organ Procurement Organizations Internet Enrollment for Organ Donation: Abandoning Informed Consent

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General
Again, although the subject of this manuscript addresses an important subject, and the authors point out some shortcomings of information available on the world wide web, it did not appear that the revised manuscript has altered the bias from the earlier submission. The authors now acknowledge that “face to face” discussions represent the primary method of obtaining informed consent. Similarly, they acknowledged that the various web sites provide “positive reinforcement and promotional information rather than transparent disclosure of the organ donation process.” One might argue that these sites are in fact designed exactly for the purpose as outlined. It seems the authors are presenting an “opinion” rather than the results of an investigation. However, since the focus of consent remains these fact to face discussions, it remains unclear how the OPO community has “abandoned informed consent” as the title suggests.

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

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