Reviewer's report

Title: Patient and health professional views on rehabilitation practices and outcomes following total hip and knee arthroplasty for osteoarthritis: a focus group study

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Overall the article is much clearer and the questions posed have been adequately addressed.

Discretionary Revisions:
1. I continue to be concern about the comment re. Native North Americans. The only place I was able to find this term was on Page 25 in the strengths of the study. As this is the first reference, it seems to me to be rather irrelevant. The reference also seems to confuse issues related to geographical isolation and access to care with (potential) ethnic differences.

2. Page 24, The sentence in the discussion indicates 'Across all themes was the overarching view that "hips and knees are two different beasts" ... ' As written the results did not give me this impression.

3. Page 25, Strengths of the study. While I agree that the uniqueness of the study is addressed in this section, I am concerned that placement under "Strengths of the study" fails to adequately highlight the study's contribution. Typically, "Strengths of the study" refers to features of study design rather than to the study results.

4. The section on Clinical implications seems to wander into the opinion of the authors' versus supported by results of the study. I sense that this is particularly the case with regard to the recommendations regarding outcome measures. The recommendations may well be aligned with the principles of client-center practice, but are they all actually supported by this study.

5. Page 6, change particulary to particularly

6. Many terms do not seem to be represented in the List of abbreviations -- FP, SURG, SW, RN, PHYS

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, jcr