Reviewer's report

**Title:** Surgical Treatment Approaches and Reimbursement Costs of Surgical Site Infections post Hip Arthroplasty in Australia: a retrospective Analysis.

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Major Compulsory - nil

Minor Essential Revisions - Nil

Discretionary Revisions

1. The authors have changed the title to clarify that the paper is about surgical treatment and costs. In keeping with this, I would recommend changing the stated aim and objective also.

Refer Abstract Background "The aim of this study is to identify current treatment approaches in Queensland, Australia, show success rates and quantify the costs of different treatments". I would recommend "quantify the costs of different surgical treatments".

Refer Background page 5 which states The objectives of this paper are to describe the frequencies and costs of treatments for deep SSI post primary THA in Australian hospitals and compare the findings with practices reported in international jurisdictions. Again I would change to "surgical costs"

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

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

Nil competing interests