Reviewer's report

Title: Day care cataract surgery in Central and Southern Italy: a multicentric survey

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Reviewer: Daniel J McCarty

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General

This study utilized a mailed questionnaire to collect data regarding cataract surgery from ophthalmologic surgical centers in central and southern Italy.

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

In the methods section, the authors list the centers involved in the study. Was this the total number of sites where the survey was sent or just a list of those centers that responded to the survey? The authors should present the survey response rate (total number responding / total number sent).

The authors should also describe who completed the surveys (i.e. was it the head hospital administrator, chief medical officer, etc.).

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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)

Table 1 can be improved by including the location of the hospitals and the total number of surgeries. This eliminates figure 1 which, on its own, is not particularly interesting. The title of table 1 should note that these hospitals are located in Central and Southern Italy.

The second sentence of the results section needs to be re-written to make these results more clear.

Are there any data on the trends of complications following cataract surgery. This should be mentioned in the discussion section.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

Please spell out IASS on page 6

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests