Reviewer’s report

Title: Income and Patient-Reported Outcomes (PROs) after Knee Arthroplasty

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Reviewer: George Zhang

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I still have a few new comments on version 5, according to the numbering of my original comments.

# 1a and 1b
In the added Tables 2 and 3, the prevalence and unadjusted associated results seemed not impressive to support authors' conclusion – "patients with lower income had better pain outcomes compared to patients with higher income".

It might be better to report in a consistent order for the "overall knee status". "Much Better" category was listed before the column for "Better" category in Table 2, but in a reverse order in Table 3.

# 2c
Please cite at least a reference which have used the model the authors used – "nominal logistic regression".

Do the authors actually mean "multinomial logistic regression" model or others?

# 5d
Consistent reporting format can be further improved. For example, "OR of 1.9 [95% CI, 1.0, 3.6]" in the last sentence of Results section of Abstract, and in Table 5.

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.