Reviewer's report

Title: Surgical trials and trial registers: A cross-sectional study of randomized controlled trials published in journals requiring trial registration in their author instructions

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Reviewer: Richard McGee

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The authors have significantly improved the article since the previous submission. The authors are now quite transparent about what they did and found.

I don't have further queries about the study methodology- the methods used seeming reasonable.

My only ongoing concerns relate to grammatical and formatting issues - I would suggest the article would benefit from professional editing.

The article is of reasonable relevance but probably only to those working in the field.

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

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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