Reviewer's report

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Overall I am content with the authors' responses.

However, I was interested to read the following response:

"The ownership of the industry partner has changed since the study began. The original owners had the contract with the Contract Research Organization that oversaw these details and we have not been able to acquire this information."

This implies that the authors did not have full access or control of the dataset. Whilst I do not think that this should impact any decision to publish I think that the exact relationship should be made explicit in the funding statement. I have reviewed the funding statement and can find no mention of the control of the data, release of the data or decision to publish as regards Smith and Nephew - the majority of the text describes the relationship with Canadian Institute of Health Research.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest 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:

None