Reviewer's report

Title: Impact and adherence to the CONSORT Statement by high impact factor medical journals: a survey of journal editors and journal Instructions to Authors

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This is a very interesting and well-written article, providing a timely update to a survey conducted a few years ago. The methodology is all appropriate and very clearly described. It is a shame that the response rate to the survey was low, but the authors discuss this limitation fully. The discussion and conclusions are well balanced and adequately supported by the data.

It is important to update this survey from time to time. The last survey prompted me to get a journal I was involved with to recommend CONSORT in its instructions to authors, and hopefully this article will encourage other journal editors to do likewise.

What next?: Accept without revision

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.