Reviewer’s report

Title: Trauma Surgery Associations and Societies: Which Organizations Match Your Goals?

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Reviewer: Carsten Schoeneberg

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The article „Trauma Surgery Associations and Societies: Which Organizations Match Your Goals?“ is really interesting and gives a good overview about trauma surgery associations in North America and the American continent. The article is a short summary of informations relevant to professional policy issues. In the journal’s aims and scope professional policy issues is not specified. So, in my opinion, it depends on the decision of the Editor-in-chief, whether the article fits the journal’s requirements or not.

Minor essential revisions

• In the section “Global trauma surgery organizations” only Trauma surgery Associations from the American continent are presented. For my opinion, Associations from other continents should also be presented. For example, the German society for trauma surgery has a larger membership (4.500 members) than the AAST. The annual meeting, the DKÖU, was visit by over 11.000 participants.

• If the article is announced to be fit in the journal’s aims and scope, the section of “Global trauma surgery organizations” has to be completed with trauma associations from other continents or the section has to be re-named, for example “American Continent surgery organizations”.

• The section “which trauma organization should you join?” is written to general. I would like to get a advice which associations should I choose if I have some specific issues, for example arthroscopic surgery, preclinical rescue medicine, trauma room management, and so on.

Summarized, this is a nice, short publication about trauma associations. If the editor-in-chief decided, that this publication fits the requirements of the journal, than I can accept the manuscript after minor essential revisions.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
There are no competing interests