Reviewer’s report

Title: Surgical Frailty Assessment: A Missed Opportunity

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Reviewer: Matthew Anstey

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Thank you to the authors for preparing this manuscript.

It outlines perceptions of the importance of frailty in operative planning, an important topic.

I have the following comments:

1. I can't find "HCP" spelled out.

2. The sample size - both of surgeons and allied health staff is small, and a single centre. However it may actually reflect more positively than a wider survey given this centre is undertaking a study on frailty.

3. This work reflects much of what is already know about frailty - ie its importance, but its lack of incorporation into routine operative planning. Thus I would be more interested in any results that looked at

   - how identifying a frail patient changed pathways/planning for each of the health professional groups

   - what were the "unique" challenges of the surgical setting

And trying to re-frame the article around these. These barriers are the most interesting component of the study.

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