Reviewer’s report

Title: "I struggle to count my blessings ". Recovery after hip fracture from the patients’ perspective.

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This is an interesting paper to read and clinical implications are highlighted.

Abstract

The abstract is well structured and clear to read.

Background

The background section provides good context for the study and a clear rationale focusing on the patient perspective.

Some proofreading issues: eg page 3 line 17 - sentence starting 'Despite extensive research'…should be 'have' not rather than 'has' not.

Page 4 line 49 The growing interest in how to value the involvement of patients'… sentence meaning unclear 'point of departure' - wording.

Methods

It would be helpful to know how many potential participants were invited/approached and how many volunteered to participate? Were there more than 8 volunteers? Having reached saturation, how did you inform any participants not required?

It would be helpful to clarify if participants were interviewed only once.

Tenses are mixed within the 'Participants' subheading.

Page 6, line 25 - Spelling 'throchanteric' should be 'trochanteric'.

Data collection

Clear transparent description of interview process and questions asked. It could be made explicit that the interviewers were / were not involved in the care of the participants.

Data analysis
Page 8, line 15 terminology - suggest 'audio recorded' rather than 'voice taped'.

Page 8 line 55 terminology suggest 'aim' rather than 'ambition'

Page 9 line 5 - all interviews were read and analysed by 2 of the authors - were they the same individuals who carried out the interviews?

Page 9 line 30 - Challenging preconceptions is mentioned - it would be helpful to have an example of this.

Results

Page 9 line 50 terminology - suggest 'interviews' rather than 'talk'

Page 12 line 59 meaning unclear within quote - words missing? 'There was no way how much help I would get' - does not make sense.

Page 16 line 9 wording unclear 'Despite of that'

Discussion

It is stated that there are not many published papers on the patient perspective after hip fracture. The published papers below touch on similar themes that were identified within the present paper, eg taking control after hip fracture, having to 'follow orders' to make progress, how to 'balance' help and become independent:


Methodological reflections

Page 19 line 44 wording unclear 'which may be supposed to'

Page 20 line 10 'the interviewers were asked questions' - grammar

Clinical implications

Clinical implications are made clear.

Page 21 line 25 spelling should be 'prerequisites'. 
Are the methods appropriate and well described?
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