Reviewer’s report

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I would like to congratulate authors on this well-written and a very interesting piece of work. Some minor suggestions/queries are below:

1. pg. 5 Name of the Hospital needs to be clarified - New Zeeland (line 103) or New Zealand (line 108).

2. It would be very interesting to know a little bit more about the data collection and how the quality of the data was ensured.

3. It is not entirely clear what is diagnose and status follow up and how these dates are defined.

4. It would be good to know whether researchers are planning to collect any QOL or patient reported outcome data. This could be addressed in their future research section.

5. Implications of this study and future research section could be expanded.
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