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Dear BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders editorial team,

Thank you for reviewing our manuscript titled ‘Internet based patient education improves informed consent for elective orthopaedic surgery: A randomized controlled trial’. We feel this research makes a significant contribution to the field of e-learning and patient education in the field of musculoskeletal medicine. Our research supports the use of online patient education to better prepare patients for planned elective orthopaedic operations. We believe this is a significant paper, which follows on from previous papers in this field. Our study is the first to examine the efficacy of online patient education to augment informed consent at a departmental level. This represents a successful implementation of a public health initiative and may influence the practice for orthopaedic departments in preparing their patients for surgery.

We welcome your review and any suggestions you may have for improving our publication.

Revisions completed for this version of submission

- Title page: address of corresponding author added
- Line numbering added
- Competing interest statement added

Kind regards,

Dr Andrew Fraval