Reviewer’s report

Title: Thrombocytosis after hip and knee surgery in rehabilitation setting: is it an occasional phenomenon? Relationship with deep venous thrombosis and functional outcome.

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The authors have completed a very interesting and novel study examining biomarkers indicative of increased risk of thrombocytosis after major joint surgery. They found importantly that increased age and low hemoglobin levels correlated with poorer functional recovery during rehabilitation post surgery.

Major Compulsory Revisions
The discussion is also a bit long and needs tightening to improve the take home message. That said, the authors have done a nice job comparing their findings to others.

Minor Essential Revisions
"Minor issues not for publication"

The discussion has many grammatical errors that need fixing. A person for whom English is their primary language should be asked to proof read the discussion. The other sections are clear. The paragraph with “young people showed significant higher PLTC…” is the most unclear due to grammatical errors. Table 2 at end of submitted manuscript is misspelled.

Discretionary Revisions
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The author should consider strongly reducing the number of abbreviations throughout the manuscript. The manuscript will be much easier to use if the actual words rather than the abbreviations were used in most places. Only very common abbreviations should be included. For example, use of major joint surgery rather than MJS, would be of benefit.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests