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Thank you for your response. I still feel like your responses were a bit cursory. The inclusion of both cardiac and orthopedic devices may just be a weakness of the chosen methods. In an attempt to provide a broad understanding of medical devices, the manuscript lacks the ability to provide a nuanced understanding. It would still be nice to see a list of devices or procedures that the respondents mentioned during the interviews. I doubt they just called them "devices" but rather mentioned devices like "hip replacements" or "defibrillators". It would be helpful to see the range of devices submitted to help get passed the lack of nuance among devices. For me, this is analogous to asking doctors how they feel about medicines or how they feel about surgery. There is just so much variability among different medicines or surgeries. The consequence is that the themes of manuscript don't really feel like they apply to anything.

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