Reviewer’s report

Title: The significance of information after discharge for colorectal cancer surgery - a qualitative study

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This article includes a review of patient views about provision of information regarding their colorectal cancer care around the time of surgery and when waiting for the information on the result of surgery and need for chemotherapy. It is a comprehensive analysis based on qualitative data from 16 patients and two interviews each. It provides meaningful information that can be used to improve patient care in this disease. We need to know though how generalizable these conclusions are.

- Major Compulsory Revisions

The authors do not state how many patients were approached who refused to participate in this study or how patients were selected for inclusion. This is important in order to understand whether there is bias in the results as patients were included for certain reasons: if only those who had had an unsatisfactory result/experience during treatment were interviewed that would influence results suggesting better communication was necessary.

- Minor Essential Revisions

'Meaning units' line 6 page 9. The meaning of this term is clear to the authors but it could usefully be clarified/defined for readers

Sentence starting 'The same need for information......' in middle of line 18 page 23 us unclear.

Reference 4 is repeated within the references

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

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