

Author Response

Thank you for the comments and constructive criticism.

The references have been reordered and are cited correctly. Table 1 has been revised to read more clearly. The questionnaire used in the study has been added as an Appendix.

In response to the question: "Could have the increased reported pain may have been an attempt by the patient to be prioritised for earlier rescheduled surgery?"

The mental health section of the questionnaire assessed symptoms for depression and anxiety. Therefore, whilst this may have been an interesting variable to assess, there is insufficient data to calculate the likelihood of this association. Furthermore, it would be difficult to extrapolate such specific data for this sample to apply to larger heterogenous populations.