

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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**Title:** Utilising the impact of COVID-19 on trauma throughput to adapt elective care models for more efficient trauma care

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Scientific quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
Re-review	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No



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### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The paper with the title: BENEFITS OF AN ELECTIVE MINDSET FOR TRAUMA PATIENTS: LEARNING FROM THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 has been viewed. I appreciate the study team's efforts in the paper, and I have several observations: - Work on modifying the title to reflect the study's goal. - Including an introductory section on the study at the start of the abstract. - The results portion of the study abstract should emphasize only the most important findings of the investigation. - Rewrite the paper's introduction better than it is presently, using more modern references and in a more concise manner, with making the last paragraph of the introduction relevant to highlighting the goal of the study. - Please refrain from displaying any outcomes in the material and methods section. - As far as possible, avoid writing in points in the results and discussion sections. - I'd like you to modify the study conclusion such that it demonstrates whether or not the study's purpose was met. - As much as feasible, update references. - Has publishing approval been obtained for figures 2 and 6? In addition, their source(s)/reference(s) should be acknowledged by include a citation in the study. - Some minor typographical and grammatical issues were discovered during the paper's review; please attempt to correct them. Best wishes,

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The authors present an observational study on the changes that a major orthopedics center underwent during the COVID-19 pandemic. The manuscript is well-written and easy to read, highlighting the major conclusions and aspects of patient management during the pandemic that the authors feel could be incorporated to the normal workflow of this center. The study spans almost the entire period of the pandemic, allowing for the comparison of different phases of virus circulation in the local population, as well as comparing these phases with the pre-pandemic period. Some aspects need to be addressed by the authors: there are few references for the manuscript, and there is little information in the introduction on how other centers in the United Kingdom and other countries dealt with the COVID-19 pandemic. A paragraph briefly exposing articles published by other orthopedic centers on this subject could add context for the reader of the manuscript. The discussion and conclusion sections are very interesting, as the authors were able to explore the results in a meaningful way to propose permanent improvements in healthcare organization. Another issue that should be mentioned is whether the authorization of an institutional review board or ethics committee was obtained for this study.

## RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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Thanks for making all the needed adjustments.