Reviewer's report

Title: Automated inter-rater reliability assessment and electronic data collection in a multi-center breast cancer study

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Reviewer: Elizabeth Staton

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General

Nice job on the revisions.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

None

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

1. Please spell out “percent agreement” instead of using “% agreement” in text.

2. Second paragraph, page 6: “whereas” is one word


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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

4. Since your research sites were within the U.S., consider adopting the American usage of quotation marks: double quotation marks around “front end” and “back end” instead of single quotation marks. See p. 220 of 9th edition AMA Manual of Style (section 6.6.7) or http://www.writersblock.ca/tips/monthtip/tipapr99.htm for explanation of difference.

5. Consider not using the abbreviation “BMC” (Boston Medical Center) in the text, given that this will be published in a BMC (Biomed Central) journal.

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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.