Reviewer's report

Title: Patient safety culture measurement in primary care. Clinimetric properties of SCOPE

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The research reported in this article is of interest to everyone working in primary health care.

The following minor revisions could improve the article.

1. A paragraph explaining the primary health care team responsibilities in the Dutch health care system could help international readership understand why you used a mixed sample in the examination of the metric properties of the instrument.

2. The study sample consists of physicians and nurses. However, neither in the text nor in the tables there is separate reference in these two subsamples. In my opinion it would be interesting to see if there are differences in the clinimetric properties between the subsamples and this could add to the validity of the instrument.

3. In table 1 there is detailed reference in the demographic data of GPs. In my opinion detailed data of the nursing sample should also be presented although as it is noted there are no reference data.

3. Language improvements

in page 3, 1st paragraph, 4th line: reverse words "not has" to "has not"
in the same page, last paragraph, 1st line: add the word "setting" after primary care

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'