Reviewer’s report

Title: The relationship between literacy and multimorbidity in a primary care setting

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Major Compulsory Revision
While the authors have adequately addressed all the minor essential revisions, I still feel that the implications of their main finding is weak (major compulsory revision). They merely mention that had there been a relationship between literacy and multimorbidity, then there would have been implications, which further weakens their discussion, since it means that the absence of a relationship has no implications. While they add a sentence "Other categories of literacy skills could also affect patients' ability to use information for health," that is in no way a thorough evaluation of one of the main limitations plaguing the health literacy literature: the absence of a measure that depicts accurately the multiple dimensions of health literacy.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

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'I declare that I have no competing interests'