Reviewer's report

Title: GPAQ-R. Development and psychometric properties of a version of the General Practice Assessment Questionnaire for use for revalidation by general practitioners in the UK.

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Reviewer: Robert McKinley

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This is a good piece of work. The authors:
Have identified a need to reduce the number of surveys administered by general practices in the UK to their patients
Have developed using appropriate methods a dual purpose questionnaire from existing questionnaires so it is likely to have face validity
Demonstrated that it is acceptable to patients
Established its psychometric properties under 'real life' conditions
Demonstrated that it is likely to have sufficient reliability for revalidation, which has the 'higher stakes' of the two tasks for which it was designed and
Have clearly described their work.

Major Compulsory Revisions
None

Minor Essential Revisions
None

Discretionary revisions
The paper could be improved by:
Inclusion of the reliability of the 'communication' and 'trust' scales they demonstrated from their factor analysis
Data on whether the utility of the 'practice' elements of the questionnaire have been affected. While I accept that that would 'defocus' the paper, it would allow them to substantiate their claim that GPAQ-R really is a '2 for 1' questionnaire and that it continues to serve its original purpose
A discussion of how it compares to other patient experience questionnaires which have been accepted for GP validation
For an international journal, replacing 'surgeries' (a UK term for 'practice premises') in the last paragraph of the methods before the 'Statistics' subsection which could confuse N American readers.
Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:
'I declare that I have no competing interests