Reviewer's report

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General
I really liked what the authors did in revising the manuscript. I see no major shortcomings to the revision and recommend that it be accepted for publication. I do not know whether BMC has a section for editorials or commentary, but if so, this paper would be well-served by having an accompanying editorial highlighting the importance of this paper for primary care and also some limitations (e.g. small sample size, etc.) that primary care physicians should be aware of in interpreting these findings.

In sum, I think this paper provides an important new step in diagnosing OAD in primary care setting and I strongly recommend its acceptance.