Reviewer's report

**Title**: The accuracy of the MMSE in detecting cognitive impairment when administered by general practitioners

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**Reviewer**: Barton Palmer

**Reviewer's report**: The authors have been appropriately responsive to my prior suggestions. Limitations of the study include the lack of counter-balanced administration, and the absence of information on the responses and scores provided for individual items (whereby the investigators might verify and clarify the tendency for patients to obtain slightly lower MMSE scores from the GPs.) These limitations have been appropriately addressed in the Discussion sections (although should also be explicity mentioned in the Abstract), and do not appear to distract from the broader point of the potential utility of the MMSE in general practice.

**What next?**: Accept after minor essential revisions

**Level of interest**: An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English**: Acceptable

**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.