Reviewer's report

Title: Evaluating the sensitivity and accuracy of instruments used to assess functional status in community-dwelling older adults: a systematic review

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Reviewer: Fulvio Lauretani

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Dear Authors,

I read the manuscript which is well-presented. However, the final message reported in the conclusion is that actually there is not adequate instruments to assess functional status in older persons and this message should be reported with prudence, because we have many objective measure of functional status, such as the SPPB score reported by Guralnik et al NEJM 1994, which is a test that well capture older persons at risk of ADL-disability.

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.