Reviewer’s report

Title: Word Reading Threshold and Mild Cognitive Impairment: A Validation Study

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Major Compulsory Revisions:

1) One patient with AD had a Trail Making Test A score of 800 milliseconds, is this a measurement error? Please clarify in text.

2) Discussion: In paragraph two, line two says that figure 2 illustrates the difference between the individuals scores from Massoud's study and the current study. However, from figure 2 it doesn't get clear which subjects belong to which study.

3) Table 1 lacks significant differences on (neuropsychological) tests except GDS, MMSE and WRT. Please display all significant differences.

Minor Essential Revisions:

1) Please clarify the * in table 1; it should indicate significant AUC's between MCIp and MCInp. This is not clear from the table legend.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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.