Reviewer's report

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I appreciate the authors' interest in engaging the aides in the research in order to determine their understanding and perceptions of the utility of the outcome reports. To my knowledge this is the first effort to try to understand how these front line workers react to facility outcome reports. The only concern that I have about the study at present can only be addressed in a limitations section if the authors were so inclined and that pertains to the nature of the outcome variable. The dependent variable is the extent to which the respondent felt the information would help them or motivate them to change their behavior. Were the report focused on the aides' behaviors (e.g. responding to patients' reports of pain or patients' being physically restrained, etc.) it would be particularly salient that the reports stimulated aides to consider how they might change. As it is, at least based upon my reading, the questions are very general so one misses the connection between reports and actionable opinion.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

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