Reviewer's report

Title: Standardised assessment of patients' capacity to manage medications: a systematic review of published instruments.

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- Minor Essential Revisions 3 COMMENTS

The author can be trusted to make these. For example, missing labels on figures, the wrong use of a term, spelling mistakes.

COMMENT # 1: Please clarify what is meant by "....predict medication outcomes." Last sentence of Abstract.

COMMENT # 2: Background section, 2nd para, Reference # 6. Date of reference is 1990, ie, 18 y/o. It supports the text "....and impaired functional ability may not be detected in routine clinical examinations." It is unclear if no instruments have been developed since 1990 that can perform this function OR if practitioners are as uninformed/unable, ca. 2008, as they were in 1990, to detect IADL problems. Please clarify.

COMMENT # 3. Instrument validity section. Is a consensus process involving the two authors sufficient/adequate to establish consensus?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

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