Reviewer's report

Title: Evaluation of dipstick analysis among elderly residents to detect bacteriuria: a cross-sectional study in 32 nursing homes

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1. There is very little here of substance. I suggest that the authors beef-up their presentation and spell out the data
2. Eliminate the “Yule-Simpson’s” paradox or describe what might be found with this test.
3. Tests were performed on urines (e.g., culture) but no data are given. This reference should be deleted or fixed.
4. Accuracy is an elusive and difficult measure. Performing more tests does not improve the accuracy; usually some definitive method is needed to estimate accuracy.
5. There are no citations at all, a deficiency. Work like this has been published by others.

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