Reviewer's report

Title: Validation of multi-stage telephone-based identification of cognitive impairment and dementia

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This submission presents data validating a new instrument and method for performing cognitive screening by telephone. While the TICSm is well-studied and being widely used, there is certainly room for another instrument. The data presented are strong and the methods used to validate this instrument meet current standards. I support publication, especially as they are proposing a "multi-stage" method that differs from the TICS methodology.