Reviewer's report

Title: Are pediatric Open Access journals promoting good publication practice: An analysis of author instructions

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I am pleased to see that the authors now state explicitly that the study is exploratory.

In terms of including more fields or more detailed data in the study we do not agree. The authors state that they "believe that enlarging the group of journals to other specialties would have made the analysis less interesting for readers in pediatrics." They also "feel that including other specialty journals here would not have yielded important additional information."

Being a bibliometrician doing research in open access I am not a reader in pediatrics and I cannot assess the level of interest for the readers in pediatrics. I can only argue that had the article been submitted to a journal within my field I would not have found the analysis of journals from a single field with a limited number of included variables interesting enough for publication. But I will have leave it up to others to assess the interests of readers in pediatrics. Consequently, I cannot determine if this article is of insufficient interest to warrant publication in a pediatrics journal. The advance is very small but if it is too small to publish is probably best decided by a reader in pediatrics.