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Reviewer’s report:

Thanks so much because your comments are improving our manuscript.

According your recommendations the manuscript was checked by a person with linguistic skills so our message will come out clearer.
**Referee 1**

**ABSTRACT**
Page 2 line 11: We removed the word “adequacy” and we added “feasibility and reliability”.
Page 2 line 9: We included the 3 followed steps.
Page 2 line 17 y 18: The values of feasibility and reliability were included.
Page 2 line 19 y 20: We removed the first phrase and we added other text.

**INTRODUCTION**
Page 3 line 25: We changed “evaluate” for “pilot test”.

**METHODS**
Page 4 lines 3-8: We changed the paragraph 4 for “We used a 3-step process to define the QMs. First, we performed literature reviews to provide the existing evidence-based recommendations in relation to the three main components of LE care (examination, education and treatment). Secondly, we reviewed the existing QMs, identified evidence-based recommendations no covered by existing QMs and developed new ones to cover all evidence-based recommendations. Thirdly, we tested for feasibility and reliability of the accepted set of QMs”, accord suggestion of the reviewer.
Page 4 line 18-20: We changed the contents as recommended by the reviewer.
Page 4 line 37-38: We removed the proposed sentence.

**RESULTS**
Page 6-8: We changed in the sub-titles the font style, size, etc, as recommended by the reviewer.
Table 1: We changed the contents as recommended by the reviewer.
Table 2: We included the two QMs which had slight feasibility problems, with a (*) reference in the text where are these QMs.

**Referee 2**

Minor Essential Revisions

**ABSTRACT**
Page 2 line 7: We deleted the sentence “A cross sectional study was carried out”.

**BACKGROUND**
Page 3 line 14-15: We changed “quality of care” for “degree of implementation of best practices recommendations”.
Page 3 line 20: We changed “quality of” for “degree of implementation of the best practices”.

**METHODS**
Page 4 line 28: We changed the contents as recommended by the reviewer.
Page 4 line 30: We changed “indicators found” for “existing indicators”.
Page 5 line 11: We changed “The pilot testing was conducted by” for “The set of quality measures was them pilot tested by”.
Page 5 line 14: We changed “Galicia” for “Vigo (Galicia)”.

RESULTS
We reviewed and changed the subtitles to clarify the two main topics, as recommended by the reviewer.
Page 6 line 2: We changed “problems of feasibility” for “items with feasibility problems”.

DISCUSSION
Page 8 line 34-35: We changed the sentence as recommended by the reviewer.
Page 9, paragraph 3: We changed the redaction as recommended by the reviewer.
We changed the format of the references as indicated by the journal.
Page 10 line 25: We changed “bibliography” for “References”.

Discretionary Revisions

METHODS
Page 3: We deleted paragraph 7 as recommended by the reviewer.
Page 3 line 28: We referenced “figure 1”, so we attach a new figure to describe the 3-steps process.
Page 4 line 5. We changed the title adding the text recommended by the reviewer.