Reviewer's report

Title: Quality measures for the care of patients with lateral epicondylalgia

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Thank you for the opportunity to review this report. This work is interesting study and the results are of potential interest to measure the implementation of evidence-based recommendations in the clinical practice.

All suggestions below are minor essential revisions

As you used the expression “Quality measures” in the title, I suggest you an overall recommendation along the paper: to use less the expression “quality indicators” and more “quality measures”.

Abstract

1.- In methods section, I suggest to include the 3 followed steps and to change the word “adequacy” by “feasibility and reliability”.

2.- Results section should include values of feasibility and reliability.

3.-Conclusion section should be more direct. I suggest changing the first phrase.

Introduction

1.- This section flow well. The objective of this study is well described; however it would benefit the reader to change “evaluate” by “pilot test” in accordance with the last of 3 followed steps. I also suggest identifying clearly the significance of the quality measures.

Method

1.- Paragraph 4. This is a reasonable summary of the 3 followed steps, but it should be extended and clarified.

2.- Paragraph 6. This paragraph should be clarified, in special evidence levels and strength of recommendations.

3.- Paragraph 9. The sentence “it was decided that ..........provided” is repetitive with previous information and it should be deleted.

Results

1.- Layout of results is basically acceptable. Nevertheless, it would benefit readers if sub-titles were more representatives of the 3 followed steps.

2.- Table 1 should included codes for evidence levels and strength recommendations (i.e. A , B, …).

3.- Table 2 should included the two QMs which had slight feasibility problems

Discussion
The discussion is good and will be more relevant when the introduction and methods are expanded and improved.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests