Reviewer's report

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Reviewer: Lukas Radbruch

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General
The manuscript has been improved considerably. The weaknesses and limitations are now discussed adequately. The strength of the paper is phrased clearly.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
none

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)
none

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)
I still would like to emphasize that significance of low Spearman correlations is not important, as a low correlation of 0.3 is of little importance in clinical practice, whether it is significant or not.

What next?: Accept without revision

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests