Reviewer’s report

**Title:** The standard error of measurement is a more appropriate measure of quality for postgraduate medical assessments than is reliability: An analysis of MRCP(UK) written examinations, 2002-2008, and Specialty Certificate Examinations

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**Reviewer:** Dwight Harley

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**General Comments:**

The study’s objectives were clearly stated and the data collection methods were well described. The data appears to be credible and was developed in an appropriately described manner.

The manuscript was adequately laid out. The tables and figures were clear. I am not sure that appendix 1 or 2 is necessary and the link to the spreadsheet discussed is to be broken. I was unable to access it.

The discussion and conclusions were balanced and reasonable given the results. The title reflected the content and the writing was adequate.

**Minor Essential Revisions:**

Explain meaning of the term “diet”

**Discretionary Revisions:**

Consider deleting the two appendices – I’m not sure that they are necessary. Perhaps make reference to a text reference.

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

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.