Reviewer's report

Title: A Systematic Review of Tests of Empathy in Medicine

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Reviewer: Stewart Mercer

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

This systematic review is improved by being updated but the authors have only quoted two of my original data papers. The 2005 Validation paper also needs to be quoted, as does additional work on validation in 2006;

These papers are as follows;


Mercer SW and Howie JGR. CQI-2, a new measure of holistic, interpersonal care in primary care consultations. BJGP 2006, 56 (525), 262-268


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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)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

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What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

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