Reviewer's report

Title: Mapping Turnaround Times (TAT) to a Generic Timeline: A Systematic Review of TAT Definitions in Clinical Domains

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I have now reviewed the new version of the manuscript. It is well written but I still do not see the scientific value of the study. My main comments towards the first version are still valid. Of course it is important for evaluation studies to use comparable TATs. But as said then, for different purposes different definitions could be necessary.

The authors have done a lot of work and did their research well, that is not the question. My problem is that they research a problem that I do not consider to be a problem.

I decided to step aside my own judgment concerning the scientific usefulness of the study. Since the study is well carried out I suggest to accept the manuscript without revision.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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