Reviewer’s report

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Major Compulsary Revisions
The authors need to compare their work quantitatively to the UMLS Metamap, which is the publicly available standard.

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.

Declaration of competing interests:
I have no competing interests.