Reviewer’s report

Title: Deconstructing patient centred communication and uncovering shared decision making: an observational study

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The authors responded to the issue of the reliability of the MAAS but I wondered whether the description in the response to referees should have gone in the manuscript (e.g. the data from Ram). It is important to note that (if I have read this correctly), the inter-rater reliability of the MAAS is assumed based on previous data, rather than proven with the current raters

I could not see why the power analysis used an alpha level of 0.08 - should that be 0.05

Competing interests:

None declared.