Reviewer's report

Title: Evaluation of PROforma as a language for implementing medical guidelines in a practical context.

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Reviewer: J. F. Arocha

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General

All the questions that I had of the first submission (lack of detail in the methods sections and examples through out) were adequately addressed in the revised version. Thus, I am pleased with the revisions made by the authors. Both the Methods section and the Results section are now much clearer and more systematically presented, taking into consideration that the evaluation involves a great deal of subjective judgment. The inclusion of the additional material (lengthier results and discussion sections, the added figure) and the separation of Results and Discussion Sections were also helpful.

The paper also serves to highlight the need of developing new methods (which could be qualitative in nature) for case studies of medical informatics evaluation, which could benefit from a more systematic processes. Considering these issues, I think the paper should be published.

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

No revisions needed

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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)

No revisions needed

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

Nothing further to add.

What next?: Accept without revision

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.