Reviewer's report

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Reviewer: Fabienne Marcellin

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The authors have provided a globally satisfying point-by-point response to the reviewers’ comments. However, some points still need to be addressed:

Major compulsory revisions:

1) Concerning the outcome variables in the multilevel models, the authors should either clearly state in the methods that multilevel modeling was only used for the main outcome (clinic attendance) or give in details the results of multilevel models for the other outcomes in the “Results” section. Indeed, even if one would expect that the lack of clustering holds for all outcomes, this should be verified.

Minor essential revisions:

1) Please give standard deviations for the means presented in Table 1.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.