Reviewer’s report

Title: Development and psychometric properties of a-scale for measuring internal participation from a patient and health care professional perspective

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Thank you for the thorough revision of the manuscript.
I have a few minor suggestions to make.

Minor Essential Revisions

1. The first major suggestion I had before (regarding the aim and rationale) is now nicely described in the Introduction Section. However, the manuscript could still benefit from a sentence or two on why on needs to assess the construct from several perspectives. Why do you need the staff’s AND the patient’s perspective? What is the benefit of such a dyadic assessment?

2. The authors write in their response to comments that pre-testing was not possible. Please make this clear in the manuscript and discuss it as a limitation of the scale. For a successful item development it is important that the target audience understands the items. This concerns the readability of the items as well as an understanding of how patients interpret the terminology used.

3. Thank you for adding the information on the EFA. The authors write “(EFA) was conducted to determine whether the IPS showed a one-dimensional structure as intended (…)”. Does this mean that the authors DID have a hypothesis regarding the factorial structure? If yes, please clarify this in the manuscript by providing a rationale. If not, please consider rephrasing this sentence (e.g. to determine the factorial structure). Please change this in the abstract as well.

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 declare that I have no competing interests