Reviewer’s report

Title: Development of Abbreviated Measures to Assess Patient Trust in a Physician, the Medical Profession, and Health Insurers

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Reviewer: Robert K McKinley

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General
In the revised version, the authors have addressed my main concerns about the original paper by simplifying the description of the statistical approach and simplifying the results section. While the paper is now much more accessible to the generalist, it is at the expense of the omission of information of relevance to those interested in the metrics of research in general and this instrument in particular. The decision to use a ‘single data set’ design as opposed to a ‘split dataset design’ because of concerns about power is understandable and defensible. While I feel that the paper would be stronger if this was discussed in the paper, omission of such a discussion is not critical.

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

None

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

None

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

An endnote that details subgroup analysis is available from the authors

What next?: Accept without revision

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.