Reviewer's report

Title: Cross sectional study of Performance Indicators for English PCTs: Testing Construct Validity and Identifying Explanatory Variables

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General

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

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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)

Page 14: Misspelt reference to Gibberd.

Page 9 Perhaps add to the first sentence: ... scoring +6. The distribution of the total scores in Figure 3 is consistent with the hypothesis that the individual PIs were allocated randomly and supports the finding that correlations between PIs are weak.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

Which journal?: Appropriate or potentially appropriate for BMC Medicine: an article of importance in its field

What next?: Accept for publication in BMC Medicine after minor essential revisions

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