Reviewer’s report

Title: Relationship between interRAI HC and the ICF: Opportunity for operationalizing the ICF

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Reviewer: Julie Pryor

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Thank you for the continued development of your article. The changes have made a significant improvement to this article. It was a pleasure to read.

Minor essential revisions
1. Background, paragraph 1: you indicate ICF is a ‘consequences of disease’ classification, however, as noted in ICF itself, “ICF has moved away from being a ‘consequences of disease’ classification (1980 version) to become a ‘components of health’ classification” (WHO, 2001, p.4) – correction is needed here

2. Methods, Para 1, sentence 2: Write the complete title of ICF, namely International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health
3. Methods, Hirdes et al looks like it needs to be replaced with a number
4. Discussion, Para 4, sentence starting the WHO statement: this statement needs a reference added
5. Discussion, Para 6: add references for the core sets

Discretionary revisions
Abstract,
1. Write the complete title of ICF, namely International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health
2. 4th sentence needs to start with a capital letter
3. use abbreviation only for ICF under objective
4. under results qualify which 175 items, namely InterRAI HC

Background
5. abbreviation ICD is not needed

Methods
6. Para 1, sentence 2: Write the complete title of ICF, namely International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health
7. Hirdes et al looks like it needs to be replaced with a number

Discussion
8. Para 5, sentence 5: needs a bracket closing
9. Para 9: write IADL in full

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.