Reviewer's report

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I appreciate the way the authors considered the observations made by the different reviewers. I still find this a relevant article. However, I need to make two additional comments, after reading the article again;

1. in pag.14, they say "Standards may require technically complex procedures to define the actual score or performance metric by which a learner would be considered". Something is missing there.
2. also in pag.14 the authors say "Resource-poor countries have a tendency to try to emulate resource-rich countries", it can be true, however it is a broad assumption without any reference. Other factors may intervene in the process of setting standard in poor countries in addition or instead of emulation. My suggestion is to stress the need to adequate the standards to the local context through a participative procedure.

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Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

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'I declare that I have no competing interests'