Reviewer's report

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It would be interesting to report how many of the cases were presented at multiple conferences and if so, if the review time was decreased because of this.

The authors should report on the method of work time estimation. For example, were time motion studies conducted or were these based on individuals' estimating their time? The biases in time estimation needs to be discussed, as some of these estimations (especially for pathology) seem rather long.

When multiple cases for a single patient are included in conferences, this may reflect simply the patient medical history, rather than actual cases being brought for discussion. For example, if a patient has previous pathology not relevant to the current pathology, this previous pathology may be quickly reviewed and not presented. These issues should be further discussed.

This study appears to be more a measure of time rather than added quality, and although the authors may hypothesize that quality improved, they should actually measure this in another study.

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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I declare that I have no competing interests.