Reviewer's report

Title: Developing core outcome sets for clinical trials: issues to consider

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For the most part the revised manuscript reads well. However, there are some minor issues that could be made clearer and these are outlined below.

1. P(age) 20, p(aragaph) 2, l(ine) 3. Suggest rewriting as [COS, Core Outcome Set].

2. P 20, p 2, l 5. Rewrite as [INstruments] to make it obvious as to where the short form came from.

3. P 20, p 2, l 9. The original choice for OMERACT was Outcome MEasures for Rheumatoid Arthritis Clinical Trails before the meetings were extended to other rheumatics diseases. As such the current OMERACT does not reflect this feature that all the rest of the short forms in this list do. Whether the authors want to include this or not is up to them. This could be verified with the last author PSL Tugwell.

4. P 20, last l. Delete [Authors’ contributions] since this is already handled on the next P.