Reviewer's report

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**Reviewer:** Susan Stockdale

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The authors have been very responsive to previous reviewer comments. I have just one further clarification.

Minor Essential revisions: On page 5, the authors have done a nice job of providing a more complete description of the outcome variable. I'm still trying to picture what the outcome PSD looks like. Was this a patient/chart level variable, or an aggregate measure at the practice level (or both)? I ask this, because when you report the random effects models on page 8, I'm trying to picture what the models looked like. Did you use PSD measured at the individual patient level, but nested within practices (thus, using a random effects model)? With this clarification, I would accept this manuscript for publication.

**What next?**: Accept after minor essential revisions

**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.