Reviewer’s report

Title: Are there valid proxy measures of clinical behaviour? Systematic review

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The review is very relevant in our time frame just as the authors reported in their Background.

The research question has been answered using a solid method.

Perhaps in the discussion some attention could be given to the fact that medical records are/ can be good history keepers, while audio/video or a simulation patient just gives information on actual complaints/ behaviour.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest 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'