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Title: Developing Outcome, Process and Balancing Measures for an Emergency Department Longitudinal Patient Monitoring System using a Modified Delphi

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Dear Prof. Kock Wiil,

Thank you very much for the reviewers feedback on our paper and your editorial decision to publish once we addressed the reviewers concerns. We appreciate the positive nature of the comments.
We agree with reviewer one (David Peran) that the title reflects best what the paper is about – that the measures are evaluating the effectiveness of ED-ACE (once implemented) and not its implementation. Therefore we have made the changes below:

Abstract
In the abstract we have made the following change:

Background last line:
evaluation measures for an early warning score system in the Emergency Department.

Results:
effectiveness of an ED-specific early warning score system were developed.

Conclusion:
There are currently no published measures for evaluating the effectiveness of an ED early warning score system.

Introduction – last line
process and balancing measures to measure the effectiveness of ED-ACE.

Results

Stage 1 Last line
• Balancing measures exploring the use of ED-ACE from different dimensions and the possible impact of its use on other areas of the ED and the wider hospital system.

Results – ED-ACE Evaluation Measures
A suite of 69 process (treatment and implementation process), outcome and balancing measures for evaluating the effectiveness of ED-ACE were developed

Discussion

The objective of this study was to reach a consensus regarding evaluation measures to measure the effectiveness of ED-ACE.

Conclusion

balancing measures for measuring the effectiveness of an ED-specific longitudinal patient monitoring system.

In our knowledge, this is the first study to develop a suite of measures to evaluate the effectiveness of an ED-specific longitudinal patient monitoring system. While acknowledging the limitations outlined above, we consider this study a necessary starting point for the development of valid and reliable measures to evaluate the effectiveness of ED-ACE.
Best wishes,

Eilish McAuliffe