Reviewer’s report

Title: Assessing the maturity of the healthcare system for integrated care: testing measurement properties of the SCIROCCO tool

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Reviewer: Trynke Hoekstra

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Thank you for this paper. Assessment of healthcare systems is a fascinating topic to read about.

My overall feeling of this paper is that is well-written and that the statistics are well-executed. I have a couple of concerns/questions for the authors:

-I keep seeing anonymous references. This confuses me, why is that?

-I am unable to access the Appendices and thus cannot comment on them

-FA revealed a one-factor model to measure maturity. Could the authors comment a little more on this outcome variable, and additionally, if a one-factor model was anticipated when the original SCIROCCO tool was developed?

-Could the authors comment a little more about how they chose their analysis strategy, in particular why on an EFA was conducted and not additionally a CFA?

-The authors make several choices based on seemingly arbitrary criteria (e.g. written in the data analysis paragraph - line 47 and further to the bottom). Please include a reference for these criteria as I would expect that would be relevant for this journal in particular.

-I am puzzled by the convergent validity findings - you find only so little hypotheses that were met? I agree that this a difficult validity to get right, but I would have expected a little more results. Are you meeting again with experts from the field of healthcare maturity measuring so assess if maturity might be multi dimensional for example, or why it is that certain hypotheses did show whereas others did not?

Overall, well done on the methods, very impressive!
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