Reviewer's report

Title: Value of signs, symptoms and plasma heart-type fatty acid-binding protein (H-FABP) in evaluating patients presenting with symptoms possibly matching acute coronary syndrome: background and methods of a diagnostic study in primary care

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Reviewer: Susan Smith

Reviewer's report:

Thank you for addressing my comments so comprehensively. You have considerably strengthened the paper. I have a few minor comments remaining that should be easy to address:

1. Please use the same study design term in the abstract as the text i.e derivation study
2. You acknowledge in your response that 100% participation from the 60 GPs is unlikely but the text remains the same not indicating that you presumably have a larger group from which you will recruit the 60 GPs - - this process needs to be more explicit in your reporting
3. In relation to your response to my comment regarding the fluency of english, It is not part of the peer review process for me to go through te manuscript making language corrections and I suggest you ask a native english speaker to go through the document. There are still several points in the document where changes are needed eg page 5, chest pain or oppression (oppression not used in this sense in english); page 4 majority is referred should be majority are referred; page 4 combined to should, be combined with etc
4. INcentives to the participating GPs- you misunderstood my comment - it is not unusual to try and incentivise GP participation in a study as an acknowledgement of time spent and if this is being done, better to report it. Dropping out after initial agreement is a different matter that would be reported in a flow chart when presenting results
5. Please refer to the reporting guideline you will use when reporting the full paper - presumably the STROBE guideline

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
I have no competing interests