Reviewer’s report

Title: Evaluating the scripts and thresholds of general practitioners for diagnosing heart failure in elderly people

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The authors present a manuscript evaluating decision rules for family physicians (trainees and experienced family physicians - trainers) in confirming the diagnosis of heart failure in older individuals (75 years and over). It is unclear what is the value of scripts in confirming the diagnosis of HF.

Background and Methodology are clearly presented. The abstract is clearer when reading the entire manuscript. If the word count permits, potentially add the definition of script in the abstract to facilitate its review by readers.

Statistical analysis used is satisfactory

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