Reviewer’s report

Title: Standard Set of Health Outcome Measures for Older People

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This manuscript summarizes the development of a health outcome measure set in older persons, obtained through a modified Delphi process gathering an international panel of stakeholders.

Although interesting in nature, this manuscript requires modifications and improvements

ABSTRACT

Background: its end sounds like a conclusion
Methods: should be more precisely described

Results: do not mention the 3 tiers

Conclusions: "have" should be replaced by "has"

BACKGROUND

This part of the manuscript is a mix of introduction, methods, goals, and practical issues (e.g. on page 7, ln 3: Standard Set is free of charge)

METHODS

The level of validity of the methods should be assessed by some expert in the field of Core Outcome Set development

TABLES 1 and 2

Are they part of the methods (pieces of information provided to the participants) or of the results?

RESULTS

page 11, ln 35-60: is this information (on the definition of old age across countries/régions) part of the methods, or a result (of the Delphi consensus)?

page 12: The rationale for the three tiers should be provided in the Methods section
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