Reviewer's report

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Reviewer: Simone Honikman

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I would like to note the following;
1. There are ongoing significant problems with English and grammar (at least 30 examples I can see in the latest version). This has made it very difficult to review as there have been several occasions where meaning has been ambiguous or obscured completely. I suggest an English editor provide input.
2. I do not see an author’s response to my second report in the cover letter link below
3. The text does not clearly explain whether the full original HFIAS was used or items selected.
4. I suggest making clearer the links between the two sentences in lines 249-252.
5. Line 261 mentions policy in a vague, inappropriate way. Policy is not designed to uncover effects, but rather to direct service provision.
6. Line 278 does not make sense.

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