Reviewer's report

Title: The GP Tests of Competence assessment: which part best predicts fitness to practise decisions?

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Reviewer: Achim Mortsiefer

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This is an exploratory analysis of associations of three different parts of a Test of Competence and MPTS case examiner recommendations.

Abstract:

The aim of the study should be explicitly mentioned in the "Background and purpose".

Background:

For the international reader it is difficult to comprehend the sequential process of the GMC assessment. A table or schedule might be helpful.

Methods:

I recommend additional statistical review

Results:

Tables 2-6: numbers (N) of assessed GPs should be added (in total, for each group)

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