Reviewer’s report

Title: Development and testing of the KERNset: an instrument to assess the quality of telephone triage in out-of-hours primary care services

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I feel the the authors have addressed most of the comments made and congratulate them. However, I think it is still unclear how this new measure compares to already existing measures, and a paragraph on this in the discussion is needed. This would justify the need for a new measure (or 'core set of items'). As the KERNset consists of items from other measures, I would also recommend that the authors provide references to the 13 existing measures that they took the items from, and explain how these measures were identified from the literature. Was there a systematic review of current measures? This would help the reader place the KERNset in context.

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