Reviewer’s report

Title: Reliability of length measurements collected by community nurses and health volunteers in rural growth monitoring and promotion services

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This paper describes a fairly standard quality improvement / standardisation exercise in one service, with just 15 measurers that was introducing length measurement. It finds unsurprisingly that accuracy improves with training. While I applaud the authors for doing this and writing it up so clearly, this does not constitute original research. This is the sort of exercise that any large study should do before collecting original survey data and as such only merits publication as a small part of a larger paper which actually addresses a novel scientific question.

Incidentally the results touch on the difficulties and challenges of using length but discussion section makes no mention of this or the literature considering the usefulness / limitations of length as a screening measure compared for example to MUAC or to weight alone.

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