Reviewer's report

Title: How Are Medical Groups Identified as High-Performing? The Effect of Different Approaches to Classification of Performance

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Reviewer: Sandra Leggat

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This is an important, well-written paper that describes two methods of ranking the performance of medical groups. There was limited background and the literature in relation to composite measures such as provided by Gaynor may be useful in strengthening the paper. I felt that the lack of risk adjustment (and lack of discussion regarding risk adjustment) was a limitation and if not possible given the data, should be identified as a limitation.

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