Reviewer’s report

Title: Biomedical journal speed and efficiency: a cross-sectional pilot survey of author experiences

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Reviewer: David Moher

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I thank the authors for thoroughly considering my previous comments. I think the paper is acceptable for publication.

When I was re-reading the results presented in the abstract "" I was struck by two points that I did not previously mention. Perhaps they are useful to consider?

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