Reviewer's report

Title: Factors prompting PSA-testing of asymptomatic men in a country with no guidelines: A national survey of general practitioners

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This is an interesting paper on a topic of great interest to primary care. The paper is well written and the results, although not unexpected, do add to the body of knowledge on the topic.

Minor Essential Revisions

1. In the methods section it would be helpful to understanding and interpreting the results if the 37 closed questions are provided in a table. Also, more detail is required about the patient management scenarios.

2. In the section on outcomes, it states that "GP and practice characteristics were considered as potential explanatory variables" - which characteristics are you referring to?

3. In the results under information needs it refers to at least one of the topics listed - which topics?

4. In the discussion the word 'screen' is frequently used e.g., line 2 of the discussion. It would be better to insert 'testing'.

5. The tables are far too detailed and as a result it is very difficult to ascertain what they are trying to put across. A greatly simplified version of both tables would improve the readability of the paper.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests