Reviewer’s report

Title: Qualitative insights into general practitioners views on polypharmacy.

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I find the manuscript interesting and now overall acceptable.

I would like to suggest that the table and the method section correspond better with each other. In the methods section you mention three broad topics used in the interview guide (reflections on polypharmacy in general, factors contributing to polypharmacy, reflections on the specific role and attitude towards prescribing). Yet in table 1 only two broad questions are mentioned (discretionary change).

Further spelling language corrections (minor essential changes):

Page 2: describe GPs’ views (background section)
Page 2: mixed urban rural side. What does “side” mean? Do you mean a mixed urban rural district?
Page 2: the GPs’ perspectives on polypharmacy
Page 3: difficulty – I am not sure whether this word can be used in this context. Perhaps leave it with problem?
Page 3: but on the whole. Capital letter after a full-stop. “But” should not be used at the beginning of a sentence. Perhaps: however?
Page 6: with an average age of 50 years; not: old
Page 9: They do not perceive this as their … and so…; perhaps better: consequently
Page 9: GPs refer to polypharmacy as a slowly growing (adverb)
Page 10: essential instead of very! essential. This does not sound quite right
Page 12: Despite the GPs’ recognition…. And the fact that GPs perceive it as their role in addressing the problem
Page 12: It is important to point out hat GPs (it is a new paragraph, therefore I would not write “they)” experience obstacles (not hindrance) at different levels
Page 13: to the GPs’ opinion
Page 13: GPs also talk about their own contribution to polypharmacy.
Page 14: For older people preventive aims are often minimal …, (comma missing before which)
Page 15: work relatively independently (adverb)
Page 16: “But” starts a sentence
Table 1: you can think of (not off)

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

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