Reviewer's report

Title: Physical activity counselling in primary care: General Practitioners' views and experiences

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1. p. 7; how were the questions on the interview schedule “designed to allow for discussion and elaboration”? Did the interviewer follow-up on responses?

2. Are there any potential limitations to using a structured schedule?

3. It is interesting that the GPs were issuing Green Prescriptions mainly for weight management purposes and not to other patients who were low-active or sedentary. To help the reader understand the context here, it would be useful if the authors provided some description of what a GP who adopts the program is instructed. Specifically, are such GPs encouraged to counsel all inactive patients? Basically, do these findings reflect a failing of the GP or the program?

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

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I declare that I have no competing interests