Reviewer's report

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The revised paper is now much improved and I believe can be published with some discretionary revisions. The conclusion that the way to improve recruitment to general practice is to emphasise how family friendly and (professionally speaking) relatively less challenging than hospital specialities is disappointing. The success of British general practice relative to many other countries has been founded on developing our core craft skills, presenting these as complex and valuable to medical students and teaching them systematically to our trainees. Perceptions about demands and rewards of different specialities by students and young doctors are often mismatched with reality, and in Britain general practice has usually experienced a negative impact on recruitment when GPs are seen publically to be talking about personal rewards rather than professional pride in doing a challenging job well.

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I declare that I have no competing interests