Reviewer’s report

Title: Diagnostic scope in out-of-hours primary care services in eight European countries: an observational study

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The paper describes an important issue - what are the most frequent problems that patients present to out of hours care in different European countries.

The study question was clear and well defined, and the method was appropriate and well described. The data were clearly presented and analysed. Limitations of the study were acknowledged in discussion section. Conclusions were adequately supported by the data.

I have suggestions for some minor revisions which I think would strengthen the paper:
1. More information could be provided about the selection of organizations included in the study.
2. Study population was not consistent in different countries - it was rural, urban, or mixed. Thus results obtained may not be representative for the whole country.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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.