Reviewer's report

Title: Design choices made by target users for a pay-for-performance program in primary care: an action research approach

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This is a very interesting report of an innovative pay-for-performance program in primary care. The paper is organized well and written succinctly. I do not have any major concerns about this paper. In my opinion, this work is important and essential to build a pay for performance program that is fair and effective.

Major Compulsory Revisions
None.

Minor Essential Revisions
Table 1 should be part of the main manuscript rather than supplementary material as these present the main results of the approach.

Discretionary Revisions
The paper might benefit from some discussion about the implications of translation of this approach to other settings and geographic locations. If a bottom-up approach is implemented widely, how might that affect comparison of effectiveness across different settings and geographic areas?

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