Reviewer's report

Title: The development of academic family medicine in central and eastern Europe since 1990.

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Reviewer: Imre Rurik

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The research questions are clearly described.

Paper focuses on an under-researched field, where PC has a shorter tradition than in the “western” countries of Europe.

Reporting style is appropriate; discussions and conclusion are supported with data.

Reviewer has some critics regarding BACKGROUND, METHOD and other remarks to the RESULTS:

- the time when evaluation was performed was not mentioned in the Ms
- p10- “the majority were physicians” “one third were MD”
  it is not clear how many doctors were really involved and questioned?
- Table 1.- when the inter-expert agreement was only 45, 55 or 64%, at least 2 other experts should have been questioned.
- required corrections regarding Hungary:
  - p12- the National Institute of Primary Care is not involved in the specialist’s training, it provides some lectures for a limited part of trainees.
  - p14- there is no written part of board exam (it is only planned to be introduced)
  - PhD research programmes were introduced in 2009 at the University of Debrecen.
  - p15. there is many GP/FP journals in Hungary. Although all of them have advisory or editorial boards, peer reviews are performed only by limited numbers of submitted papers.

Recommended papers which were missed from the discussed literature in the BACKGROUND section.

Rurik I, Kalabay L. Primary health care in the developing part of Europe.


General recommendation: ACCEPTANCE after required corrections.

**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:**

None