Reviewer’s report

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

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Reviewer: Antonius Schneider

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I have checked the manuscript with respect to the description of the review process. The technique of the systematic review is not very well described. However, this is not the main part of the manuscript. The review was only done to establish a questionnaire for the survey. I think that a detailed information about the review process would be nice but not really necessary in the light of the main message of the manuscript. Other results of the survey were already published by BMC Family Practice (Oleszczyk M, Svab I, Seifert B, Krzton-Krolewiecka A, Windak A. Family medicine in post-communist Europe needs a boost. Exploring the position of family medicine in healthcare systems of Central and Eastern Europe and Russia. BMC Fam Pract 2012;13:15.). The review process in this manuscript was also described superficial. The presented results in the former paper are focussing on completely other aspects in primary care (role of general practice in health care system). Therefore it is worth considering the new paper (academic impact of general practice) as a separate manuscript.

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.