Reviewer's report

Title: General practitioner's clinical practices, difficulties and educational needs to manage Alzheimer's disease in France: analysis of national telephone-inquiry data

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Thank you for the revised version of the manuscript. The paper has noticeably gained clarity.

Major compulsory revisions

Methods, statistical analyses: The description of the first multivariate analysis is missing (which corresponds to the results in table 3 .... feeling insufficiently trained). And in the description of the second package of multivariate analyses the feeling of being insufficiently trained should be replaced by "the declared practices or difficulties according to general practitioners' characteristics" (which corresponds to table 4).

Table 4: I'm still not convinced that it makes sense to use the "level of training score" as an independent variable in the analyses presented in table 4.

It still seems a tautology to me that for example the practice of (not) disclosing the diagnosis to patients is associated with the feeling of insufficient training in announcing the diagnosis and/or communicating with the patient.

Further: The score consists of four quite randomly chosen items (communication with the patient, the family, announcing the diagnosis and non-drug treatments). It doesn't help in understanding the practices of the GPs.

Therefore I highly recommend to remove the score from the analyses in table 4.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

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