Reviewer’s report

Title: GP perspectives of Irritable Bowel Syndrome - an accepted illness, but management deviates from guidelines: a qualitative study

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I wish to thank the authors for responding to my suggestions from my first review. I now think that this paper provides a more conceptual understanding and analysis of the data. The storyline is now coherent and more reflective of the findings. This paper adds to a body of knowledge relating to how GPs interact within a consultation with patients who present with IBS. In addition, it throws light on how GPs interpret guidance when managing this patient group. These findings are highly relevant to other patient groups who present with similar conditions in primary care settings. I would now recommend this paper for publication.

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 work with one of the authors (professor Chew-Graham) on a different study and we have published together in the past.