Reviewer's report

Title: Patient and professional attitudes towards research in general practice: the RepR qualitative study

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I read the article about patient and professional attitudes towards research in general practice with great interest. The aim of the article is to present the view of general practitioners, patients and non GP’s academics toward research in general practice in France. The article is clearly written and understandable. The results were probably representative for France but I missed some more international compression of national data.

The tile and abstract accurately convey the findings of the research. The research question is clear and adequately described in the text. Methods are well written. Please describe more in details why is important to know the patients attitudes about the topic “research in general practice”. The number of focus groups in each category seems relatively small to reach the saturation of data, but this was mentioned as a weakness of the research.

The results sound valuable, but it is not easy to find out the differences in opinions between participants of difference categories ( eg. academic GP and other academics) . It would be easier for reader if the results will be presented in different way eg. in a table.

Discussion is well written. Comparison of the data with the situation in other countries will be welcome.

The literature review is comprehensive.

I have only some minor comments:
• I would be interesting to know the explanation why is important to include those four group of participants?
• Proportion of male GP’s is the sample is very high? Please describe proportion of males and females in a population of GP in French? Are female GP rejected participation in the research and why? Please describe also if the proportion of females in the group of other academics is a consequence of non-participation of females or there is a small proportion of females between other academics?
• The presentation of the most important results could be presented also in a table or as a figure.
• Discussion: Some more international data will be welcome.

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' below.