Reviewer's report

Title: Under the same roof: co-location of practitioners within primary care is associated with the comprehensiveness of care for patients with chronic conditions.

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Reviewer: Jacqueline Cumming

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Major compulsory revisions

Overall, this is an important and very topical piece of research. However, I have two major concerns, in particular with the reporting on the NZ case study:

1. Relates to the response rate. This is very, very low in the NZ case and I would like the authors to provide either evidence that those responsive is representative of the general practice population, or more convincing evidence that this is not a problem in interpreting the results. Any information on representativeness is better than the amount presented in the article at present (ie none).

2. I am also not totally convinced that there are not other factors which might be in part responsible for the findings. In particular, in the NZ case it isn't clear what impact being in a PHO might be making to the findings; it may well be that it is the PHOs that are in part responsible for the increased availability of services. The analyses could identify which PHO each practice is in and see if this makes a contribution, or provide an explanation of why the PHO factor may not be important.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests