Reviewer's report

Title: Alignment of Patient and Practice Member Perspectives of Chronic Illness Care in Small, Community-based Primary Care Practices: A Cross-sectional Analysis

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Minor Essential Revisions:
1. include p values in abstract
2. remove underlined words
3. be consistent in terminology - is it 'practice members' or 'primary care providers'? 
4. Practice Environment Checklist - is this a measure developed by the authors?
5. Delete repetition in the first paragraph of the analysis plan
6. how were the practices selected?
7. what was the response rate of the patient survey?
8. There is a lot of repetition between the text and the information provided in table 1
9. what definition of chronic illness was used?
10. what were the three most prevalent chronic conditions?
11. how many patients had more than one chronic illness?
12. re-phrase 'para professionals'
13. given the complexity of the US insurance system and the age of the participants - were any patients in receipt of Medicare and Medicaid? versus fee for service?
14. Did you control for socio-economic status in the analysis? (see q13)
15. how was self-reported health measured?
16. the authors note the psychometric integrity of the two measures in the Discussion - provide the alpha scores for the sub scales of the measures used?

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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