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Title: How to improve the quality of primary mental health care: developing an intervention for underserved communities

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Major Compulsory Revisions

1) nowhere in the manuscript is explained what AMP stands for. Is this an abbreviation?

2) In the methods section in the paragraph Delivery of AMP trainingplus it is written that the aim was to recruit two practices in each of the four localities to participate as intervention sites, with two others acting as control sites. So your aim was to recruit 16 practices, 4 in each of the four localities, two intervention practices and two control practices. From there on control practices are not mentioned anymore. It looks like you didn’t even contact them. Why are they called control practices and what did you control? This is confusing and has to be explained. Did the control practices also receive the initial training session as it was the same for all practices?

3) As you have also mentioned the follow-on ethnographic work in the practice after the intervention would give more robust indications of the actual change the intervention produced, so maybe you should consider of extending the research

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 no competing interests.