1. This is an important subject of interest to researchers, health professionals and health planners/managers

2. This study is undertaken in one primary care organisation. Its generalisability in the home country (Canada) is in doubt; more so is its generalisability internationally.

3. Its novelty is undermined by the Hippisley-Cox study (reference 8) but that was undertaken in the UK. If this study covered a range of sites then confirmation of its findings in another country would be useful. However this study lacks the scope and generalisability of the Hippisley-Cox study.

4. The large number (165) of missing charts (efforts not made to chase up) undermines the study. It also emphasises the manual nature of their records, which may explain the absence of direct measurements (BP, cholesterol levels etc) in their study.

5. I agree with one reviewer that multi-variate analysis would be more appropriate.