Reviewer's report

Title: Family doctors' involvement with families in Estonia

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General
My remaining major problem with this paper is that the authors have not detailed how the random sample was generated. For replicability, readers require knowledge of the methods used.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

The method for generating the random sample should be described accurately.

In the results (FDs' awareness of different family matters of their patients' I suggest the following changes. The title should read 'FDs' belief about the necessity for awareness of different family matters'.
In line 4, I strongly suggest changing 'only a few' to just over a third (35%). In English, only a few would misrepresent the proportions.
In line 8, the word should be 'sought' not 'seeked'.

On page 10 top paragraph, I calculate that after exclusions, the response rate is 62% not 64%.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

For foreign readers, please indicate in brackets how long the short-course on domestic violence and child abuse is, e.g., one hour or one-day?

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

None