Reviewer's report

Title: Health care reform in Lithuania and primary health care physicians' job satisfaction

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General

This is a worthwhile report that tracks physician satisfaction in Lithuanian general practice as the healthcare reform in that country takes effect. The sample studied is appropriate in size and in nature, the questionnaire methodology is robust with a good enough response rate. The results are clear enough and should be noted carefully by policy makers. Good reforms can lead to some raised expectations which cannot be met locally, and the result is emigration of those doctors most needed locally.

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

none

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

Language needs re-editing in many places
"Therapeutists" is an unfamiliar term in the English language literature and needs to be defined (or re-named) early on.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

The last paragraph in the Discussion section, interesting in itself, would be better placed in the introductory background, and the facts and figures in it need to be referenced (work time, rate of psychosomatic problems etc).

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests