Reviewer's report

Title: General practitioners’ conceptions about treatment of depression and factors that may influence their practice in this area. A postal survey.

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General
The manuscript has greatly improved after the previous revisions.

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)
None.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)
The English expression sometimes departs from native-speaker standard. I have the following suggestions for re-wording:
Page 2. Change "depressive disorders and its treatment" to "depressive disorders and their treatment" or "depression and its treatment". Change "regarded essential' to "regarded as essential". Change "To model the work" to "As influences on their work".
Page 3. Change "patients account directly" to "patients consult directly". Change "GPs conceptions" to "GPs' conceptions". Change "variation of" to "variation in". Change "found week" to "found weak". Change "local GPs conceptions" to "local GPs' conceptions".
Page 4. Change "ADs the year 2000" to "ADs for the year 2000". Change "five degree Likert scale" to "five-point Likert scale" (this needs changing subsequently as well). Change "answered to all" to "answered all".
Page 5. Change "the final questionnaire was appointed" to "the questionnaire was finalized". Change "The survey was performed" to "The survey was carried out". Change "envelop" to "envelope". Change "included municipalities" to "selected municipalities". Change "present analyse" to "present analysis".
Page 6. "large importance" to "great importance". "obsessive disorders" to "obsessive-compulsive disorders" (also on p. 7). "reliance to ADs" to "reliance on ADs".
Page 7. "regarded to meet high standards" to "regarded as meeting high standards". "provide them the necessary" to "provide them with the necessary".
Page 8. "All together" to "Altogether". "representivity" to "representativeness".
Page 9. "is dependant" to "is dependent". "guiding" to "guidance".
Page 10. "support appears" to "support appear". "they also marked" to "they also indicated". "had impact" to "had an impact". "companies activities" to "companies' activities". Take out the Swedish phrase in brackets.
"to model their work" to "as influences on their work".

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions
**Level of interest**: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English**: Acceptable

**Statistical review**: No