Reviewer's report

Title: Difficulties associated with out-patient management of drug abusers by general practitioners. A cross sectional survey of general practitioners with and without methadone patients in the French-speaking part of Switzerland.

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General
The paper addressed the issues and may help other physicians or policy makers support changes in training, reimbursement and incentives to treat addicts with methadone. The unfortunate stigma is reinforced with the negative tone of the responses. Perhaps, the authors can challenge the national policy of inclusion of teams of experts to extend to types of patients if they felt confident and reinforced appropriately.

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)
Some spell check is needed in the discussion and a check for understanding in the concluding remarks need some refinement.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.