Reviewer's report

Title: General practitioners apply the usual care for shoulder complaints better than expected - analysis of videotaped consultations

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General

Comments:

1. There are some minor textural changes suggested. The Dutch write good English so the changes are minimal.
2. My major comment is the EAP. There is no outline or short statement as to what this is. One can glimpse what it is from the check list but you are still left wondering.
3. Comparing 18 items after or during the watching of a video is a big ask if the video is viewed as a one-off or is it replayed until one can tick all the boxes. Was this the case?
4. I feel that several items on the check list overlap, eg 1 and 3, 6 and 7, 13 and 14 which therefore show similar responses as one would expect if the context is similar.
5. Further trials using a shorter check list would be more reliable and useful to further research.
6. Recommended publishing with suggested changes as seen on hard copy. There should be some suggestions on how we can get GPs up to scratch.

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

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

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)