Reviewer's report

Title: Understanding the work of general practitioners: A social science perspective on the context of medical decision making in primary care

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General

The authors have responded to my previous comments and I am happy with the changes made. I have another couple of suggestions for further improvement

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

None

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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)

The authors identify four main factors (primary effects) and list them as mode of remuneration, availability of other medical resources in the environment, patient attitudes and characteristics, and peer-to-peer interactions (abstract and p 7 in "findings"). In the "Findings" section they use other subheadings and use a different order to present them. For example the issue of resources is presented under the Heading "Cast away: the impact of working in a rural area". It would help the reader and the flow of the paper if the findings consistently used the same subheadings and order.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

The data in Box 2 could be summarised in the text on p6 - I don't think a box is required for this

What next?: Accept after minor essential 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, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

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