Reviewer's report

Title: The General Practitioner and the diagnosis of occupational diseases.

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I find this paper much improved following the further editing and believe it is acceptable for publication with two minor changes:

Practitioner is spelled wrong in the abstract under key words, and in the Author's response to reviews" in the title and in the first line following "Dear Editor." In these locations it is spelled as "practicioner" which should be changed to "practitioner."

There is a grammatical error on the first page following the abstract, under "Setting up an Hypothesis of Work," in the first sentence, the second "is" should be changed to "are," and the sentence should appear as follows: "To detect an occupational disease it is necessary to investigate some aspects of the clinical diagnosis which are often neglected by solely taking the patient's medical history."

With these minor changes I recommend this paper for publication.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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.