Reviewer's report

Title: Sickness certification is a complex professional and collaborative activity - a qualitative study

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Reviewer: Wout de Boer

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Based on my assessment I am unable to decide on acceptance or rejection. Potentially it is an article of importance, containing innovative elements. But the description of the work is insufficient. I hope the authors will be able to bring it up to a good scientific level!

Major compulsory revisions are needed in the method section. This will lead to adaptation of results, discussion and conclusion. See below for further details.

Discretionary revision is needed for the background section.

See the attached document for details

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