Reviewer's report

Title: Dealing with sickness certification - a survey of problems and strategies among general practitioners and orthopaedic surgeons.

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Reviewer: Christos Lionis

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This paper deserves publication since it meets all quality standards of your journal. However it needs some minor revisions, including some background information about the questionnaire used in the study and particular issues about its content, validity and reliability. Authors are invited to organize the method section according to meaningful subheadings, including setting, participants, questionnaire and analysis of data. Implications of the study's findings on GPs’ and OSs’ vocational training could be discussed. The international readership of BMC journals expects also a wider discussion of findings under the light of findings from other studies.

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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.