Reviewer's report

Title: Doctors' personal health care choices: a cross sectional survey in a mixed public/private setting

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This is a well written paper about an important and topical issue. Some would be concerned about the low response rate, but sadly 44% appears to now be about as high as one can get. The authors comment on this as a limitation, but perhaps could more strongly state that the low response rate might affect interpretation. The design is sound, the questionnaire seems appropriate and the analysis is also appropriate. The suggestion that Asian doctors might be different from others is not necessarily supported by this study, as the design does not allow for such a comparison, so the wording about that speculation should be softened. On the whole the paper raises more questions than it answers and so may benefit from a specific heading/box titled 'future research questions'. Overall a worthwhile contribution to the international literature.

What next?: Accept after discretionary 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