Reviewer’s report

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The authors have thoroughly revised the manuscript and my original concerns have been answered convincingly.

I appreciate very much the clarifications concerning the representativeness of the sample. Maybe the authors would like to include this statement of their cover letter also in the manuscript (not essential):

“... the demographic and clinical characteristics show a high concordance with the total population of paediatricians working in general practice in North Rhine-Westphalia, as confirmed by the chairs of the two regional associations and the statistical figures on all registered paediatricians working in general practice as provided by the respective “Kassenärztliche Vereinigung”.

I do not fully agree to the response to my comment regarding possible conflicts of interest. However, this is not essential and the authors’ point of view is acceptable for me.

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.