Reviewer's report

Title: Deconstructing patient centred communication and uncovering shared decision making: an observational study

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I have read this revised paper and am satisfied that my points have all been addressed. As the first author's first language is not English, there are some minor grammatical and spelling mistakes, and the paper needs copy editing. This aside, the paper is very well written.

In the section on measurement, it seems a little odd that the first author, who also rated the consultations, was unaware of the secondary analysis focusing on SDM and PCC. I suppose this means that the rating was done before it was decided to examine the differences between SDM and PCC.

Lastly, there is no reference to figure 2 in the text as far as I can see.

Competing interests:

None declared.