Reviewer's report

Title: Managers' perceptions of the manager role in relation to physicians: a qualitative interview study of the top managers in Swedish healthcare

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Reviewer: Olaf G Aasland

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The authors have done a good job, both by convincingly discussing my points, and by doing some small, but in my view important changes/additions in the manuscript. Even if I still have some difficulties with Abbott’s work being a theoretical basis for the present study, I have really no convincing arguments against it. And after all, I am no social scientist.

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'