Reviewer's report

Title: A snapshot of the organization and provision of primary care in Turkey

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Reviewer: Bernd Rechel

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I am satisfied with how the authors have revised the manuscript and have only some minor suggestions for improvements.

Discretionary Revisions

1) In response to my comment No. 8 you note that "it would not be appropriate if the researcher would prioritize the resulting recommendations". Yet, in response to my comment No. 1 you mention that the advantage of the manuscript over the WHO report is that it prioritizes and provides more analytical insight. This seems to be a contradiction to me. I also note that on p. 11 of the revised manuscript you mention that "everything should be done to ensure full use of capacity". This is a very clear recommendation - and one that makes sense!

2) On p. 10 you mention that "All physicians were state employed. Almost all (90%) FDs were salaried". I don't quite understand. Are FDs distinct from physicians? If so, this should be made clearer.

3) On p. 12 you mention that practices were very large compared to the situation in central Europe, yet on p. 18 you say they were very large compared to western Europe. Which one is it? Can you give a number for a typical country in either central or western Europe?

4) There are some small misspellings:
   p. 3, line 1: should be "differs"
   p. 4, line 8: should be "routine"

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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.