Reviewer's report

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I commend the authors for making some important revisions to their manuscript, revisions that I feel have significantly improved the focus of the paper and increased its value to health services researchers.

I am very satisfied with the corrections and have no other revisions to suggest.

I would however like to add one remark to the authors, which is that their experience also highlights a need to foster a greater culture of research within professions such as family medicine and nursing. Educational and policy driven efforts to improve the "research orientation" of more GPs and other professionals could also be expected to facilitate their implication in research, including implementation studies such as this one. What may be feasible now may be very different from where we may be in the future if steps are taken to change the status quo.

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I declare that I have no competing interests.