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Evaluating Primary Care Practitioners in Quality Improvement: Making explicit the program theory of an interprofessional education intervention
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A well written manuscript discussing the theoretical principles underlying the design and development of a workshop intervention on interprofessional collaboration.

Good discussion of fundamental theoretical concepts and principles surrounding effective interprofessional collaboration in primary care. The authors describe the connections between the theoretical principles and the design and development of the workshop intervention. A visual depiction of this would add to the paper – an instructional model for interprofessional education with primary care teams.

The manuscript is mainly a case discussion paper of this particular workshop intervention. The context is discussed adequately and the workshop model is summarized well to allow for future duplication. The methods are mainly qualitative, interviews and focus group. The authors do not describe the processes they followed for ensuring reliability in the qualitative analysis that was performed for the study. Further discussion of these concepts is needed. The sampling technique for the interviews needs to be described. I assume this was purposive? Was there any potential bias in having the project coordinator conduct the interviews? How was potential bias minimized?

Figure 1 is not particularly helpful in the discussion. A more useful diagram would be one that depicts the theoretical concepts underlying the workshop intervention and a depiction of the workshop design elements.

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'