Reviewer's report

Title: Stakeholder perspectives on implementing accreditation programs: a qualitative study of enabling factors

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This is a very interesting paper about accreditation, a topic that is still not extensively researched in the literature.

Major Compulsory Revisions

1. It would be useful to mention about the accreditation program that organizations have implemented or were talking about.
2. Are the results the same for all three accreditation programs mentioned in the study? Are they independent of the healthcare area?
3. The size of the initial sample: the questionnaire was mailed to how many people. What was the response rate?
4. It would be helpful to have some more information on the questionnaire: how many questions, which scale was used, ...
5. Is it possible to make some quantitative statements to the data? The four factors you identified, how often were they mentioned

Minor Essential Revisions

1. Are the participants experienced in implementing an accreditation program?
2. Can you clarify in which way you found congruence with international healthcare stakeholders’ experiences?

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.