Reviewer's report

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

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Overall, I accept the response of the authors and approve of the changes they have made to the manuscript. Thus, I only have a few comments:

Minor essential revisions:

p. 12: “Financial incentives can directly influence the views of individual health professionals regarding the value of accreditation programs.”

Comments: Using the word “value” here without qualification raises some questions:
- Value for whom? (the professionals or the patients?)
- What kind of value? (financial, service quality or clinical quality?)

Discretionary revisions:

p. 12 + Figure 1:

“Professionals’ views are interrelated with health service organisational leadership and CQI culture, which along with regulatory initiatives, can influence health service quality and safety practices." (p. 12)

Comments: Since “CQI” deals with quality and safety and since “culture” may be taken to include practices, it could be noted how “Organisational CQI culture” differs from “Health service quality and safety practices”.

Furthermore, the paper could be strengthened by elaborating a bit on the theme of organizational culture, e.g. by being more specific on the particular elements of a supporting CQI-culture.

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

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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