Reviewer’s report

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Discretionary revisions

I note that although, as requested by the editor, the aims of the paper have been clarified in the body of the paper they have not been clarified in the abstract.

While the authors have significantly clarified the issues around the trends in bulk billing, both the conclusion to the abstract and the beginning of the discussion refer to "decreasing number of bulk-billing practices". In the light of the broader discussion, the authors should consider referring to difficulty in access to bulk billing practices for some patients or some similar words in these two contexts.

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 I have no competing interests