Reviewer's report

Title: A study of role expansion: a new GP role in Cardiology care

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This paper gives important insight in the development and effect of the specialized GP role in cardiology. This development takes place in general practice in different fields.

In the revision, the authors added more information, and omissions are dealt with in the discussion.

Discretionary revision suggestion:

The pilot did not last for long. Therefore the practices may not have benefited maximally from a learning curve from the specialized GPs. Maybe the results could even be more positive if a longer lasting study period was taken. Suggestion for discussion.

I wonder about the panel that reviewed the clinical quality; Did the memers work in the practice area where the pilot was carried out? Authors could consider commenting on how independent/objective this panel was.

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