Reviewer's report

Title: The Impact of Accreditation of Primary Healthcare Centers: Successes, Challenges and Policy Implications as Perceived by Healthcare Providers and Directors in Lebanon

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Reviewers report:

The authors are to be congratulated on responding so effectively to the reviewer comments. The paper adds to the evidence for the perceived association between participation in the development of an accreditation programme and quality improvement. However, since none of the PHCs were awarded accreditation it is the processes rather than the outcomes which are being tested. I (and maybe others) would be interested to know that the research team did not have access to the ACI reports, so there could be no attempt to correlate staff perceptions with the findings of the ACI surveys. This could be added to "limitations" or to proposals for further work.

Finally, congratulations on putting so much effort into a project that appears to be unfunded.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests