Reviewer's report

Title: Variation in guideline recommendations for chronic heart failure across Europe and their relationship to clinical practice. A comparative analysis of guideline content and target versus the IMPROVEMENT survey of prescribing performance in primary care.

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Reviewer's report:

General
This is a revised manuscript evaluating the role of national heart failure guidelines in explaining the difference between HF management across European nations. The major and minor criticisms from the initial review have been addressed and the manuscript is now much clearer. In its current form, I have no further suggestions for this work.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept without revision

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests