Reviewer's report

**Title:** Referrals from general practice to consultants in Germany: If the GP is the initiator, patients' experiences are more positive

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**Reviewer:** Doris Young

**Reviewer's report:**

General authors have responded well to my concerns about the content being confined to Germany. By publishing this paper, GPs in Germany can influence policy and practice by providing GPs with a gatekeeper’s role to their health care system.

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

authors have revised the paper to my satisfaction

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

still some minor typos etc which i am sure will be fixed by authors

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**Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)**

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**What next?:** Accept after minor essential revisions

**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