Reviewer's report

Title: The feminization of the medical work force, implications for Scottish primary care: a survey of Scottish general practitioners.

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Reviewer: Jouke van der Zee

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General
I had some objections to the previous version of the paper, but the authors'reaction to these were adequate, in my opinion. So I now have only a few minor comments left.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
no major compulsory revisions required

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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)
1)I have a question regarding table 1 : what do the authors mean by job share as a subcategory under the heading 'contract commitment'
2) I still have problems with the conclusion; and still do not see what the capacity of General practice in Scotland to attract high quality women (if that is true anyway) has to do with the results of the study in which the authors show that female GPs (in all age categories)work fewer hours per week and are less engaged in other activities than the treatment of patients

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

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