Reviewer’s report

Title: Differences in quality of primary medical care across the NHS: Evidence from the Quality and Outcomes Framework

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Reviewer: Yvonne Engels

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General

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

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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 suggest another title, referring to diabetes and CVD.
2. the sentence on page 4 'QOF data ....is therefore not possible' is strange. Please adapt (I miss a verb in the part of the sentence after 'as').
3. Page 4-5: you mean to say that exception report differs per country, but you don't say that explicitly. Be clearer here.
4. Methods: add a reference to table 1 after the first sentence.
5. Is it correct to calculate average scores without doing a factor analysis or reliability analysis? I am not sure about that. (maybe you add apples and peares).
6. page 8: this is table 6 and not table 5.
7. I guess that you refer to the difference between diabetes prevalence rates (28%)? It is not clear where the reader can find this 28%.
8. page 10: Finally, ...... higher than IN the rest of the UK. (add 'in').
9. tables: is there a specific reason to use 99% confidentiality intervals instead of 95? I have no problems with it, as you use large numbers, but please mention it explicitly.

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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 of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests