Reviewer’s report

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Reviewer: Wolfgang Himmel

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Dear authors,

I would like to thank you for considering my concerns and suggestions, especially 1-5. I feel that the text is much improved due to your efforts.

The Conclusion section of your Abstract (see #6 of my concerns) is still vague and not as precise as the Results and Discussion sections of the text body would suggest. Matthieu, please consider that readers often read only your Abstract or that they decide on the basis of the Abstract whether or not they should read the whole paper. I would therefore recommend that you explicitly name two or three of the professional or organizational factors you mention at the beginning of the Conclusion section of the Abstract. Moreover, you should also mention two examples of your practical guidelines that support the active participation of GPs (in the 3rd sentence “It suggests practical guidelines…in these networks such as X, Y and Z). This is a minute of work for you, but it would really improve the Conclusion of your Abstract.

W. Himmel

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Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.