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Reviewer recommendations

Major Compulsory Revisions (which the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
To include a discussion on the concept of “trust” in health services and acknowledge some of the difficulties in assessing it. The conclusion could expand on its recommendations “to accept the conflict between population demand and expert opinion”.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.