Reviewer's report

Title: "How is the NPM applied in the occupational health care system?" - policymakers' and OH personnel's perspectives in Finland

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The research is interesting and written quite innovatively, also. NPM as a theoretic fundamental starting point works very well, but it is in other hand little old-fashioned nowadays, I think. The research in itself takes up a position in the occupational health care, however.

1. The question or questions of this research should have been picked up better on sight. The questions are not now clear enough for a reader.
2. The methods are appropriate and well described.
3. The data are sound and well controlled, but the references are too old. The article needs newer and more references of research.
4. The part of results should be more described at the beginning before the table 2. The table 2 have to be opened up more or the authors have to tell first something about the coding and Hood's doctrines (see the methods). In front of the results more understanding about the table is needed. The categories of the table 2 ought to be more identical with the following text (see the table and other categories).
5. The discussion and conclusions are well balanced and supported by the data. Those parts include good consideration and thinking.

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.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.