Reviewer's report

Title: Clinical drug trials in general practice: a ten-year overview of protocols

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The manuscript has been improved based on reviewer's comments. The relevant sections are more structured and easier to follow.

However, a few gaps remain with regard to the overall presentation in the article, as listed below.

Minor Essential Revisions:
- Background, paragraph 1: The last three sentences need restructuring, as they seem either incomplete or abrupt at present.
- Background, paragraph 3&4: There needs to be a sentence in either of these paragraphs that connects the problem set out in Paragraph 1 with the aim stated in Paragraph 4.
- Methods, paragraph 1 and sub-heading "case study": The purpose and choice for the single case study is not made explicit in the methods section. This needs to be done, I am assuming it is to give the reader a better sense of a "seeding trial", this should be made clear. Also, no description is given on how the trial was assessed in a structured manner, for instance, whether this was done in relation to the suggested criteria in Text Box 1, which seems to be what was done.
- Methods, suggest changing sub-heading "Data Material" to "Dataset".
- Results, Trial characteristics, paragraph 2: Please clarify/re-phrase "planned included". Is this recruitment targets?
- Discussion, Case Study: The description here should be streamlined with regard to my comment about the case study methods above.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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

Declaration of competing interests:
None