Reviewer's report

Title: European Practice Assessment of Cardiovascular risk management (EPA Cardio): Protocol of an international observational study in primary care

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1. In the Background information a referral to the European Guidelines on CVD is lacking. It might be useful to add this, because the results of the study can give insight into the implementation of the CVD guidelines.

2. Box 1 (page 4): why is Diabetes not included as a cardiovascular risk factor, like in the most CVD guidelines and risk tables?

3. Hypothesis that the quality of CV risk management shows variation is not new.

4. Measures, page 8: 5, other measures: the questionnaire consists of many items and will be very long. This might influence the reliability of data.

5. The choice for 18-45: because there will be hardly any preventive activities among young people (18-30), it would be better to choose 30-50 years.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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