Reviewer's report

Title: Do practice characteristics explain differences in morbidity estimates between general practice registration networks?

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Reviewer: Andrew Mallett

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Major Compulsory Revisions
- nil

Minor Essential Revisions
- 1) Table 2 and Table 3, please make it more apparent as to which MOR's represent a significant influence of the practice characteristic on morbidity estimation. It is clear that a significant amount of work and effort has gone into producing these tables however they are near inaccessible and these significant results not clearly apparent.

Discretionary Revisions
- 1) Some additional commentary on the characteristics of the practices from the different GPRN would be perhaps interesting. For instance that it would appear some of the smaller GPRN's tended to have a higher proportion of female GP's, lower mean working experience, and lower mean distances to both hospital and out-of-hours service location.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests