Reviewer's report

Title: Collaboration of general practitioners and exercise providers in promotion of physical activity. A written survey among general practitioners

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- Major Compulsory Revisions
There are no major compulsory revisions

- Minor Essential Revisions
1. There are quite a few grammar and style mistakes that have to be corrected. I refer the writers to the following lines:
   31 – Instead of "says" needs to be "say".
   34 – I think the word "The" is missing before the word "Most".
   65 – A space is missing : should be "nurse and".
   86 – Should be "increase"?
   104 - A space is missing after the parentheses.
   124,128 – Parentheses are missing.
   166,167 – Consider rephrasing the sentence "..stimulates patients more to start with.."
   170,196, 272 – The word "Neighborhood" is misspelled.
   191- A space is missing after the parentheses.
   288 - A space is missing between "expert" and "meeting".
   289 – The word "organization" is misspelled.
   297 - A space is missing after the parentheses.
   310 – I assume the word you mean is "representative". It is misspelled.
   310 – The word "respect" is misspelled.
2. References: Is there a difference between reference 11 and 13?

- Discretionary Revisions
1. Clarification: What's the meaning of the acronym RIVM (line 246)?
2. References: Since this article is intended for publication in an international journal, I would suggest that the vast majority of the references would be in English ( and fewer in Dutch ). This will increase its relevancy to the international audience.
3. Statistics: The Authors claim that the differences between the two groups were significant (line 200 and beyond). I would suggest providing the raw numbers so that an examination could be done by the reader / reviewer.

4. Validation: Are the questions sent to the physicians validated?

5. Exercise setting: In my opinion a relation should be made to the fact that not all physical activity is performed at a facility / gym.

6. Limitation: Since not all GPs answered the survey (although a rather high percent), can the authors safely assume that the two populations (responders and non-responders) are the equally engaged where it comes to their attitude towards physical activity?

**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:**

I declare that I have no competing interests