Reviewer’s report

Title: Recruiting General Practitioners for palliative care research in primary care: real-life barriers explained

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Thank you for your thorough revision of the manuscript. It has improved a lot! I have a lot of small but essential questions and suggestions left:

Abstract:
It is not mentioned in the background what the pro-Spinoza project is.
I miss the research question or aim (add the same aim as in the background)
In the conclusion: occurred instead of occurs

Background:
page 4, line 77: (NIHDI), which aimed
page 4, line 101: numbers instead of amounts
Page 5, line 102: have to decide whether they want to participate
Page 5, line 111: Therefore, this study aims...

Methods:
Page 6 line 135: what kind of questions about a patient's care?
Page 7, line 167: two of the most important anticipated bottle-necks ...
page 7, line 168: and to make them encourage
Page 8, line 199: All GPs (add number) in the five areas received (delete 'have')
Page 9, line 202: Many GPs in the 5 project areas received (delete 'have')
page 9, line 211: Add a line: Next, motivational visits took place. These visits to GPs' practices (30-90 minutes) can be divided (can instead of could)
Page 9, line 213: life instead of live

Results:
page 14, line 317: delete 'having been performed'.
Page 14, line 331: Moreover, of 97 GPs...
Page 15, line 337: instead of 'with some GPs... engagement': which shows that on each level GPs stopped
Page 15, line 338-340: delete this sentence here, but add a not to table 3 about this.
Page 18, line 391: Number instead of amount
Page 18, line 402: I do not have patients in palliative care right now
Page 18, line 408: mostly linked to
Page 19, line 413: too many studies at the same time
Page 19, line 428: just took a few minutes
Page 20, line 442: Many GPs stated that uploading research data ...

Discussion:
Page 21, line 490: It should be made clear to what aim/research question you answer here.
Page 22: be clear that it is very important that GPs feel what incentives are to take part in a study. Either for himself or for the patient
Page 24, line 562: in personal communication
Page 26: line 615: And share evidence with the GPs that shows that palliative patients like it to participate in research. (This evidence exists)
Page 28, line 659, Limitations are that, although the data... (I added a comma)
Page 29, line 678: and telling the GP
Lines 684-695: just describe, and not as real questions.

Are the methods appropriate and well described?
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Yes

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