Reviewer’s report

Title: The introduction of the Practice Nurse Mental Health in general practices in The Netherlands: effects on number of diagnoses of chronic and acute alcohol abuse

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Reviewer: Gert-Jan Hendriks

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The manuscript has improved a lot compared to the previous one and the authors addressed my comments well. Much of the confusion has been solved in this manuscript. The conclusion is important because policymakers can have high expectations of adjustments, such as the introduction of mental health care nurses in primary care. This study puts these expectations into a more realistic perspective. I have some minor comments.

1. Data of 187 practices were available of which 155 practices were included in the analysis. It is not clear to me which criteria the authors used for in-/exclusion of the practices. Please, clarify.

2. Compared to the previous manuscript, the numbers of participating GPs have decreased. However, in Table 1 the means mentioned have remained unchanged in all cells of Table 1. This seems unlikely to me. Please, clarify.

Best regards,

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