Reviewer’s report

Title: Challenges and strategies for General Practitioners diagnosing serious infections in older adults: a UK qualitative interview study

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Reviewer: Bernadette Bartlam

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The authors are to be congratulated on a well articulated and transparent account of their research. I have a couple of points: please include 'older' as a key word, as this reflects the language of your manuscript, and increase potential audiences. The point about clinician-researchers in your discussion needs caution adding, as there are both potential advantages and disadvantages to being an insider. See Richards H, Emslie C. The "doctor" or the "girl from the University"? Considering the influence of professional roles on qualitative interviewing. Fam Pract. 2000;17(1):71-75. Roulston offers a overview of some of the tensions in her book: Roulston K. Reflective Interviewing : A Guide to Theory and Practice. Sage Publications; 2010. There are a couple of minor typos within the text (lines 227 has a ';', and the quote on 250 should begin with a capital letter for consistency.

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