Reviewer’s report

Title: Communication practices for delivering health behaviour change conversations in primary care: A systematic review and thematic synthesis

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Reviewer: Emmanouil Smyrnakis

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This is a very interesting manuscript in a very important topic for PHC - the Health behaviour change talk.

First of all I would like to mention that authors took into consideration all recommended changes for reviewers that improved the final version of the manuscript.

It's a manuscript written in a simple scientific language - easy to understand by readers. They used methodology that follows the research methodology guidelines. Table and Results are presented appropriately and there are clear messages in discussion. There is a good discussion of results with relevant literature. Authors point out the limitation of the study - limitations that are expected at this kind of research.

This paper rise new research questions that is really important for future studies.

Minor correction
p.17, line 77  [d) Patient initiated discussions] have to corrected to [c) Patient initiated discussions]

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