Reviewer’s report

Title: Evaluation of the Physician Quality Improvement Initiative: The expected and unexpected opportunities

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The manuscript was well-structured and written in a professional way. Nevertheless, the significance of the study may be of concern because it was a pilot study and had a small sample size. Consequently, the generalizability of the conclusions cannot be guaranteed. I would suggest that the authors submit the manuscript to a local journal.

Furthermore, some changes may be needed to revise it. 1) Is it necessary to put "study background" in METHODS? Could it be integrated into the "INTRODUCTION" section; 2) A "CONCLUSION" may be needed after the "DISCUSSION"; 3) Some minor changes should be made to the written English, such as "...began January 2013..." in line 28 of Page 6, "...viewed is as an opportunity..." in line 49 of page 8, "the majority (12, 42.9%).." in line 20 of page 10, "DH2" in line 29 of page 16.

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