Reviewer's report

Title: Pre- and post-testing counseling considerations for the provision of expanded carrier screening: exploration of European geneticists' views

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The manuscript "Pre- and post-testing counseling considerations for the provision of expanded carrier screening: exploration of European geneticists' views" investigates the attitudes of a group of European geneticists towards ECS, examining their suggestions and recommendations for the use of ECS in the clinical setting.

Suggestions:

- The manuscript is well written and clear, nevertheless I suggest to synthetize more schematically the findings.

Method section:

- Describe more in detail the sample of geneticists recruited
- Describe more in detail the semi-structured interview used and the method used to code the answers (e.g.: How many cross-validations of each interview have been done?)

Limits and future direction section:

- The authors should include separate considerations for direct-to-consumer tests
- The authors should consider to deepen the issue about pre-test information/education.

(e.g.: the first medical practitioners that could probably inform the patients about the existence of ECS are family physicians or gynaecologists, are they really prepared to inform correctly individuals or couples?)

Are the methods appropriate and well described?
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No

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